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Ruidoso firemen Harlan Vincent, right, and Coy Diction check out the charred site of fire started by some children in a canyon behind Ruidoso High School Sunday. If not for the speedy response of off-duty firemen and firefighters from the Forest Service, the blaze could have required the evacuation of about 150 residents, Vincent said.

## Recent moisture brings no forest relief

National Forest restrictions on most outdoor flames will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday

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Recent snow and rain didn't dent the moisture deficit in the Lincoln National Forest, said Matt Reidy, U.S. Forest Service fire manager in the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

Fire restrictions that include limited outside smoking and no campfires, except in developed campground, take effect at 8 a.m. Saturday, in the national forest around Ruidoso.

"This is the time of year historically when we don't get too many fires started by lightning," Reidy said. "Most are started by humans."

By instituting fire restrictions, we hope to reduce the potential for human-caused fires. With the strong spring wind, it's a really bad mix."

This is just the first step in possible limitations the Forest Service can impose.

Some specific campgrounds may be closed in the future because of fire danger or other public threat, said Denise Ottaviano with Forest Service public information office in Alamogordo. If conditions don't improve in a month, forest officials will look at a possible forest-wide closure as was done in 1996, District Ranger Jerry Hawkes has said.

"The moisture we've had is literally a drop in the bucket," Reidy said. "We're so far in a deficit. The ground is like a sponge and it's just as dry as it can be."

Adding to the problem is the abundance of grass that grew with heavy rains in July, he said.

"So much of that grass is cured out and dry that the amount of fuel to burn is greater," Reidy said. "That type of natural warm season grass won't green again until the summer rains. Plus we're going into what is historically the most windy part of the year."

Rain that fell Tuesday was cen-

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## Ruidoso councilors pass new residential lot splitting law

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
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After months of discussions, the Ruidoso village council has passed a new zoning code section that the mayor said will help bring controlled growth.

The new language will require lots derived from the splitting of existing single-family residential lots in Ruidoso to be at least one acre in size.

And Ruidoso's planning commission and village council could require that re-subdivisions net even larger lots.

"We believe this would eliminate a substantial amount of the lot splits, particularly the lot splits that perhaps were out of context of the subdivision that surrounds them," Mayor Robert Donaldson said during a public hearing this week.

While cutting up a residential lot could not produce new lots less than one acre in size, the character of a subdivision might demand more than one acre.

For example, if other lots in a neighborhood are sized at two acres, the village could require re-subdivision requests produce like-sized properties.

Single-family residential (R-1) lots as small as 10,000 square feet are the minimum for development, under the village's code.

That minimum remains. The new section of the zoning ordinance only impacts requests to re-subdivide.

"One of the things we tried to do in this ordinance is to make it where it is understood that 10,000 square feet, or now one acre, is a minimum," Donaldson said. "And it may be required to

be even higher."

Other factors that could command that a residential property be bigger than one acre are the village utility services at the location and "other pertinent factors," according to the new language.

"The whole idea is to keep the neighborhood in similar shape," the mayor said.

Speaking against the one-acre minimum size was Bill Blaney, who labeled the ordinance change "a no growth situation."

"It's not right to tell someone you can't configure your land the way you want to," Blaney said. "It sounds like 1939 Germany."

The mayor responded the village wasn't looking to stop growth, but to assure growth conformed with water and sewer infrastructure.

The revised R-1 re-subdivision code was unanimously approved by the village council.

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## Police chiefs see local merit in drug war

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
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Police chiefs in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs dispute contentions that the nation's drug war is a failure.

New Mexico cabinet secretary for the Department of Public Safety, Nicholas Bakas, said last week in Ruidoso that the war on drugs had not, and would not, be won.

"I can't understand where this guy is coming from," said Eddie Lerma, Ruidoso Downs police chief. "My question to him is if we have nothing then we get nothing. If we can do anything to help stop trafficking here, we as a community will be better off."

Ruidoso Police Chief Hank Maddox suggested that Bakas had given up on the effort to stop the flow of illegal drugs.

"I don't give up that easily," Maddox said. "If I looked at a criminal problem and threw up my hands, I

don't think that would be fair to the citizens of this community."

Neither Maddox nor Lerma attended a March 23 forum on the drug war, sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County, but they responded to its message this week.

Maddox vowed that addressing illegal drugs will continue to be a local law enforcement initiative to keep the community safe.

But the executive director of the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation argued the nation's war on drugs is dangerous, especially for children.

Speaking at the forum last week Steven T. Bunch, with the foundation, said 95 percent of surveyed juveniles said illegal drugs are easier to obtain than alcohol and tobacco.

"The drug war creates a black market, and that makes the drug war dangerous to our children," Bunch said to the approximately 40 people who attended the forum, titled "Just say now to drugs."

Bunch said while billions are being spent annually in the United States to battle illegal drug trafficking, more and more illegal drugs are flowing into the country.

Ray Siegel, a medical doctor who practices in Capitan, said marijuana has a number of beneficial medical uses. He said cancer patients and those with terminal diseases can have symptoms eased with marijuana use.

"I'm not prescribing it, but if they ask, I tell some it's OK," Siegel said.

He said his experience in the health care field showed many Americans abuse a legal drug.

"We've got a lot of alcohol abuse," the doctor said. "And (alcohol abuse leads to) a really miserable death. And you know, nobody has died from cannabis. But this is an illegal drug. Our government has duly noted that you can go out and drink yourself to

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### Grade-A student



Alexis Hoff steps up to receive her plaque at the Ruidoso High School Academy Awards Banquet. Hoff was named to the principal's list and had the highest grade-point average in the senior class. For more on the event, see page 8A.

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# RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

**SATURDAY** High ... 58  
Low ... 33



Rain showers

**SUNDAY** High ... 49  
Low ... 26



Mostly cloudy

**MONDAY** High ... 59  
Low ... 30



Mostly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
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Wednesday	61	41	0"
Thursday	58	33	0"

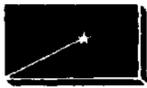
Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	59	40	Showers
El Paso, TX	71	45	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	64	42	Thunderstorms
Midland, TX	72	49	Thunderstorms

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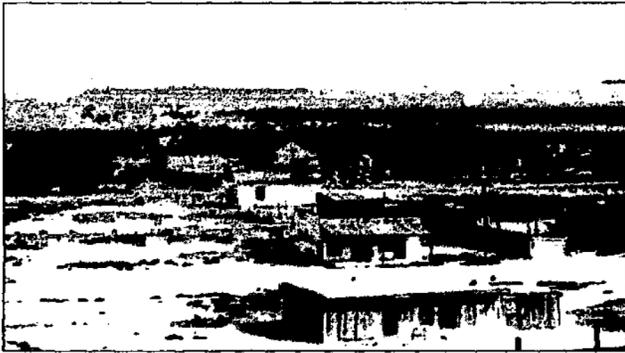
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The Moon lines up with the planets Venus and Mercury shortly before sunrise tomorrow. You need good timing and a clear eastern horizon to see them. Binoculars will enhance the view. Mercury is below and to the left of the Moon, while brighter Venus is to the left of Mercury.

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Old Carrizozo

courtesy

### LC SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

#### White Oaks Eagle March 29, 1900

Petitions are still going the rounds to raise money to employ a detective to locate the murderer of John Piehler.

Timoteo Analla and Severo Gallegos were here on business from the county seat Monday.

William Lane is sinking a well for W.C. McDonald on the Carrizozo ranges near the Mal Pais.

John Gallacher is out looking after the ranch his mother recently purchased from Spence Bros. in Mesa del Gallo.

J.P.C. Langston and De Rosear are diligently going down on their copper claim on the northeast side of Lone Mountain. They have shown up some excellent ore.

# Juveniles admit to Sunday blaze near Warrior Drive

A Sunday brush fire, at the edge of a field near Ruidoso High School, was set by juveniles, according to a Ruidoso police report.

Firefighters were called to the blaze shortly after 1 p.m., on the west side of Warrior Drive.

The flames were confined to a tenth of an acre, fire officials said.

Police said a description of three juveniles seen in the area was given to responding officers. The three were report-

edly seen in the area at the time of the fire. Several youngsters, questioned by police Sunday afternoon, denied involvement.

Sunday evening a group of juveniles, taken by their parents to the White Mountain Drive fire station, admitted they had set the fire between the high school and Hull Road, according to police reports.

A fourth juvenile was also implicated in another fire.

Some of the youth said fires had been also set on Thursday and Saturday. The children have been referred to a juvenile probation officer.

The juveniles agreed to write letters of apology to the Ruidoso Fire Department and the Ruidoso Police Department.

The Sunday fire resulted in a minor injury to a firefighter.

The grass fire caused no damage to any improved property.

# RESTRICTIONS: Capitan, Carrizozo, and Mescalero have enacted bans

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Mescalero officials have closed off much of their tribal lands. Vehicles are prohibited from stopping along highways on the reservation.

In Capitan, fire restrictions

are normally not imposed, said fire chief David Cox.

Water bills in Capitan carry a message to call the fire department before doing any burning.

"If it's windy we tell them 'No,'" Cox said. "It's based on the conditions. If it's a safe day they

we tell them its OK to burn." Carrizozo this week also took action to address the fire danger.

An emergency action resolution, approved by the village board of trustees, bans all burning except by permit. The action

does allow campfires in designated areas, according to the resolution.

The sale or use of display fireworks is disallowed.

The restrictions were passed by the Carrizozo village board on March 28.

# FOREST: 'The communities and recreation areas continue to be open'

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tered in Ruidoso, Reidy said.

"Around Angus Hill and Capitan, they didn't receive near the amount of moisture as Ruidoso had," he said. "We're still concerned. That's why we issued the restrictions."

The regulations, which also will be enforced on public lands surrounding historic Fort Stanton and managed by the Bureau of Land Management, are:

- No fires, campfires, charcoal broilers or use of coal or wood stoves without a permit except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds

where grills and stoves are provided and with campfire rings built for that purpose.

- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

- No possession, discharge or use of any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices.

- Campfires will not be allowed in undeveloped areas with homemade rock fire rings, Ottaviano said.

Exempt from the restrictions are federal, state or local officers or members of organized

rescue or fire fighting groups in the performance of official duty, and persons with permits specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

Campfire permits may be requested at ranger district offices and will be issued at the discretion of the district ranger, Ottaviano said. Petroleum fueled stoves and lanterns or heating devices are not considered fires if they meet Fire Underwriters' specifications for safety.

"Forest Service and BLM lands are not closed, but fire and smoking restrictions will be enforced," Ottaviano said. "Mescalero Apache lands al-

ready are under fire restrictions."

Controlled fires may be allowed with multi-agency cooperation and scheduling in vegetation types that require hot, dry weather to achieve Forest Service objections, she said.

"Remember, the national forest and BLM land around Fort Stanton are open to use, just without open fires," Ottaviano said. "The communities and recreation areas continue to be open and welcome the public. People are encouraged to continue with their outdoor activities on public land and in surrounding communities, but are asked to do so safely."

# DRUGS: The officers said that ignoring drugs would be harmful to residents

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death, but you can't smoke yourself to death."

Bryan Krumm, a registered nurse, who also represented New Mexicans for Medical Marijuana Use at the forum, said cannabis has a number of medical benefits.

"There have been no deaths from an overdose," Krumm said. "It is one of the safest therapeutic drugs out there."

He suggested beyond helping to control some diseases, whole marijuana, versus just the active ingredients in the weed, can help protect against stroke.

"Marijuana is a medicine," Krumm said. "It's a safe medi-

cal agent."

The keynote speaker at the forum, Secretary Bakas, said he felt the war has been unsuccessful.

"Have we won the drug war?" Bakas asked. "Are we winning the drug war? If we keep doing what we're doing, will we win the drug war? My answer is no."

"If we could arrest ourselves out of this we would have done this years ago. We cannot solve the problem," Bakas said.

"I think his (Bakas) reference to the war on drugs being lost is his personal opinion," Maddox said. "My stand is, that at the present time drugs are illegal, and state statutes give this agency the enforce-

ment authority to address drugs."

Bakas said at the forum that as a police officer he would be a "warrior" in the drug battle, but reiterated that the fight was misguided.

The secretary, considered New Mexico's top cop, said addiction is a sickness, a disease, which requires better treatment in clinical settings, not in prison settings.

Bakas also said truth has become a casualty of the war on illegal drugs.

"The effect of the drug war on poor and minorities has been shocking," Bakas said.

"Ninety-six percent of federal drug prosecutions are of blacks and Hispanics. I know white people don't use drugs so the percentages must be correct."

He also questioned if the drug war had a corrupting influence on police departments. Bakas pointed to some police agencies that rely on drug busts for funding.

The DPS secretary said the time had arrived for an examination and analysis of the nation's battle against illegal drugs.

"To create a drug-free society we must be careful that we keep a free society," Bakas said.

### CORRECTION

Ruidoso's water conservation plan, under phase 3, limits outdoor watering to only Tuesdays and watering must take

place before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. A story in Wednesday edition presented incorrect hours of watering.



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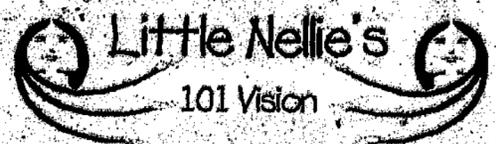
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### Check List for Ruidoso

1. Hurry to gas station to fill up car.
  2. Hurry and pack kid's toys, clothes, snacks, games for kids.
  3. Hurry to get ready for trip, get wife out of bathroom.
  4. Hurry and load family into car.
  5. Hurry to find cell phone and call, only to find out agency has rented out cabin.
  6. Hurry and call motel for reservations.
- Arrive in Ruidoso, wife and kids restless and starving 7 AM
7. Relax, arrive at "Little Nellie's" above the circle in the heart of Ruidoso for a great Ruidoso breakfast cuisine of Mexican, American food and a chance to watch someone else hurry for family.
  8. Hurry to motel to unpack and rest. Wake-up 11:30 AM.
  9. Hurry to round up starving kids, get wife out of bathroom, tell her "Little Nellie's" has everything to freshen up with including lotions and perfumes.
  10. Hurry to "Little Nellie's" 12:15.
  11. Relax, arrive at new "Little Nellie's" chips and salsa, S.W. Mexican food, voted "best" peoples choice of Las Cruces, enjoy hamburgers, enchiladas, fajitas and wife orders Avocado Salad.
  12. Hurry back to motel 1:30.
  13. Hurry wife and kids out the door to go shopping.
  14. Hurry to shower and round up starving kids, tell wife she can buy furniture from "High Country Outlet" as well as artwork from various local artists at "Little Nellie's". This gets wife out of bathroom.
  15. Hurry to "Little Nellie's" as featured in magazines "Sunset" and "Gourmet" to enjoy T-bone steak, Baby back ribs, New York steak and Shrimp. Kids want Flautas, Grilled Cheese and Chicken tenders.
  16. Hurry back to motel with fine algar purchased at "Little Nellie's".
  17. Hurry to make checklist for tomorrow.
- Life is great, and it's perfect now that "Little Nellie's" is here!



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# Sullivan runs for county sheriff again

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Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan is asking voters for a second, four-year term. He signed up last week as a candidate and will face one of his supervisory officers, Orlando Montes, in the Republican primary June 6.

No Democrat is running. If Sullivan wins, it will be for the fourth time. He served two, two-year terms from 1983 through 1986 and will complete a four-year term in December.

The length of terms for county elected offices was increased when the county

commission changed in 1993 from a three-member board elected at large to five members elected from their home districts.

"I'm running on my record," the sheriff said Wednesday while officially announcing his candidacy. "During my tenure as sheriff, drug arrests and seizures are at an all-time high and our stolen property recover rate always has been well above the national average."

"I've worked hard to get government grants to supplement the sheriff's office budget and to provide better law enforcement protection for the citizens of the county."

He cited more than \$400,000 in Drug Control Systems Improvements grants that pay for the operation of the county Narcotics Enforcement Unit and another \$40,000 grant to improve his office's computer reporting system, bringing it into sync with the state.

A "Fast Cops" grant allowed him to hire additional staff and \$71,000 will be used for drug investigations and arrests on county highways, Sullivan said.

Sullivan and his wife, Pat, a kindergarten teacher, were married 22 years ago and have three sons and six grandchildren.

# Confusion reigns over Ruidoso Downs zoning

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
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Are new zoning ordinances in place in Ruidoso Downs? Village officials were unsure at Monday night's council meeting.

Planning and zoning board chair Mike Warren initiated the question, stating the board was operating under old ordinances.

"I thought we had adopted new zoning ordinances at some point," trustee Margie Morales said.

"I think I have a draft," responded Bob Durrett, Ruidoso Downs village administrator.

Warren said he didn't believe new zoning regulations were ever enacted by the council.

Village attorney Dan Bryant told the council public hearings would have had to precede enactment of new zoning ordinances. "I frankly don't know whether that happened or not," he said. The attorney said he would research the question.

The zoning designation issue was raised again in the meeting, over a commercially zoned property in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

"Is there anyway to have that rezoned if that property sells?" asked resident Carl Jackson.

Village Judge Harold Mansell said he believed the property had been sold, and a commercial application was under consideration.

"It's the operation of the grandfather clause and the village attorney is perplexed because he thought he had a new zoning ordinance," Bryant said. "But perhaps I don't have. And if I don't have, we're still operating under the old status. And the old status was, I understand it, that's not asidential."

Bryant said if the property has been purchased, while still zoned commercial, then the new owner would be grandfathered, and use it as a commercial property. The attorney said a zoning designation change would only affect owners who purchase the property after the

zoning change.

"This is absolute guess and conjecture," Bryant said. "I don't want anybody to say that the village attorney rendered an opinion because I don't know what the status of our zoning ordinance is and I can't answer this question until I know that."

The same property had been before the council earlier this year, when a prospective purchaser of the former Redman Supper Club proposed development of a mobile home park at the site. That plan was rejected by the village council on the grounds of negative impacts to the neighborhood. There had been discussion of changing the zoning from commercial to residential.

Several trustees wondered if, during the decision to disallow a mobile home park, there had been action to amend the property's zoning to residential.

"I can tell you if that's the discussion you're recalling, that discussion didn't change the zoning on that property," Bryant said.

# Clean-up awards



Ruidoso's first awards recognizing those who help keep the community looking beautiful were presented this week. Receiving the awards were, back row, from left, Don Swalander, Ruidoso State Bank, Jim and Smokey Stover, Ruidoso Rotary Club, Carolyn and Don Chubb, the Pines Motel, and J.C. Hughes, who earned the award as a village resident involved in community beautification projects. Seated are, from left, Jim Shoop, Ruidoso River Association, Walterine Hughes, a village resident, and Ben Mason with the Rotary Club. Not pictured, but also receiving two other beautification awards, were Mark Marquez and Season's Nursery.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Robbery investigation takes new direction

Ruidoso Police have dropped their investigation of what had been initially considered an armed robbery.

Department detective James Biggs said Thursday the review had taken a direction away from an armed hold-up.

Police were called to the All-sup's store at Mechem and Sudderth drives on early Monday morning. The store's overnight clerk had told officers that while he was taking garbage to dumpsters along the side of the business, he was assaulted by two men.

The clerk told police that he was then forced at gun point to the inside of the store, where an undisclosed amount of money was taken from a cash register.

The alleged incident was reported to Ruidoso police about 5:45 a.m.

A criminal complaint, unrelated to robbery charges, was being formulated by the Ruidoso Police Department detective Thursday.

## Pedestrian injured in alleged hit and run

A pedestrian, crossing Sudderth Drive Wednesday evening, was injured after being struck by an alleged hit-and-run driver.

Rosalyn Tbadlena, 61, of Mesalero, was transported to the emergency room at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Tbadlena was admitted, and listed in stable condition Thursday. A hospital spokesperson

said. The incident occurred at 6:45 p.m., on Sudderth Drive, near Sutton Drive.

The driver of the vehicle, Cedric Lucero, 19, of Ruidoso told police that he had been traveling westbound on Sudderth and swerved to avoid hitting a man in the highway.

The vehicle then hit a woman, who according to the Ruidoso police accident report, was in the middle of the highway. The victim reportedly went airborne, striking her head on the windshield of the Lucero auto, and then bounced off, landing near the curb.

The auto allegedly left the accident scene, but returned several minutes later, according to police. Lucero was cited for leaving the scene of an accident. Ruidoso police said the incident remains under investigation.

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### OUR OPINION

## Tribe still marches to its own drum

Now we know.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe isn't about to join any united Indian front over a gaming compact with the state of New Mexico. The tribe doesn't like the idea of reducing its take, paying the millions in back payments held in an escrow account—or (and this is a new twist)—encouraging competition from other gambling venues around the state.

Although the new compact narrowly received a "do-pass" recommendation from a special Committee on Compacts on Monday, and has the support of the New Mexico Indian Gaming Association and Gov. Gary Johnson, the Mescalero Apaches steadfastly hold out for doing it their way.

The Alamogordo lawyer, Gregory M. Quinlan, who often is the tribe's spokesman, cites a statewide poll that he said shows a majority against the expansion of off-reservation gaming. Further, an increase in gaming would have a drastic impact "on the ability of Casino Apache and Ruidoso Downs (racetrack and the Billy the Kid Casino) to draw guests from other areas," it was stated in a tribal position paper released on Tuesday. In other words, let's not spread the wealth.

Compact language at the legislative opening called for 7.75 (instead of 16) percent of gaming revenue going to the state over 20 years, secrecy for most revenue information, and continued arbitration that would keep gambling issues out of state courts. The concurring tribes also would pony up all arrears unpaid under the 16 percent rule.

The Mescalero Apaches won't pay the state anything until a court or arbitration determines the tax to be legally imposed. The tribe doesn't believe the new compact would resolve ongoing disputes, litigation and arbitration between the state and the tribes. Acceptable would have been a compact provision that would hand 25 percent of the state's take to local entities, but that didn't make the draft introduced.

Quinlan, the lawyer, said Mescalero-state arbitration would resume if an acceptable compact isn't approved.

From here, the odds appear to be good that nothing acceptable to the tribe will be approved in Santa Fe this time around.



### YOUR OPINION

#### Management decision

To the editor:  
In reference to your article in your March 29 edition concerning the office space at the Ruidoso sub-station:

Please be informed that this was a management decision and was in no way intended to punish Sgt. (Orlando) Montes for deciding to seek the office of Sheriff.

The office space was relinquished on March 16. Mr. Montes did not announce his candidacy until March 21.

Since none of the Sheriff's office supervisors, including myself and the undersheriff, have a private office in the Ruidoso sub-station, it was our decision that we could all share the office currently occupied by Sgt. Montes in order to accommodate Wanda Gielow de Figueroa and her Maternal Child Health Care program.

This arrangement will not require any additional cosmetic changes to the sub-station building.

Tom Sullivan  
Lincoln County Sheriff

In Lincoln County, 18 percent of adults are at Literacy Level 1, 45 percent are at Literacy Level 2 or below! The Lincoln County Literacy Council (LCLC) is dedicated to improving literacy rates in our area. LCLC is an educational, non-profit organization, functioning as a special project of ENMU-Ruidoso Center. Our volunteer tutors work with individuals 2-3 hours a week, to help them improve their ability to speak, read, and write English.

A Basic Reading Tutor Training is being held in Ruidoso on two consecutive Saturdays, April 1 and 8. It will be at the Lincoln County Works office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trainings and materials are free. Please contact me at the Lincoln County Literacy Council for more information or to register for the training; telephone numbers are 630-8181 or 800-934-9668. You can make a difference in someone's life by becoming a Literacy Volunteer!

Betsy Hambrick, LMSW  
Coordinator/Ruidoso

high-traffic venues green with good fortune for St. Patrick's Day.

Thanks to these caring customers, and all the service personnel who added humanitarian value to cash register transactions by asking patrons, "would you like to buy a Shamrock to help families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association," Ruidoso made an incredible contribution to the 75th annual campaign.

I'm sure that St. Patrick is as grateful as are the million Americans served by MDA for the \$8-million that Shamrocks raised nationally this year. This sharing of the green helped speed MDA-funded research at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and around the globe.

Moreover, this is helping maintain the national network of 230 MDA clinics. The services of these hospital-affiliated clinics, along with MDA research, resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity." In New Mexico, MDA has two clinics, including the MDA clinic at Carrie Tingley Hospital in Albuquerque.

By taking part in Shamrocks and other MDA events, by calling in pledges to the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, your readers continue to make a huge difference for families throughout New Mexico and across the nation.

Maureen McGovern  
Shamrocks chairperson

#### Adult literacy not total

To the editor:

What is the extent of our local adult literacy problem? In 1993, the National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS) measured the literacy skills of the adult population. The NALS makes clear that literacy is not something individuals have or don't have, but is a continuum of different skills. NALS divided this continuum into 5 levels, with Level 1 reflecting the lowest skills.

#### Shamrocks for MDA

To the editor:

My Irish eyes are smiling because Ruidoso has done it again! Thousands of area residents — when they patronized their favorite convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retail businesses — brought the luck of the Irish to families affected by muscle-wasting diseases. By purchasing and signing the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles, they turned those

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## High fuel costs to have wide impact

BY TOM STEEVER  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Doug Wilson is getting to know his fuel supplier better. The Livingston County, Ill., farmer is seeing more of farm fuel salesman Michael Coyne this year because of the price of fuel. It's not that Wilson is using more fuel, but he's getting smaller amounts delivered to his farm more often.

Normally most of Coyne's customers contract a year's supply of fuel to lock in a guaranteed price. When contract renewal time came this year, the price of fuel was approaching record highs so most farm customers put off signing contracts in favor of buying smaller amounts of fuel at whatever the price is on the day of delivery.

"From last year at this time, fuel prices are 40 to 45 cents higher," said Coyne, checking the fuel level in Wilson's storage tanks. "The way grain prices are and because fuel is so high, we just don't feel comfortable going for a full year on (fuel price contracts)." Coyne usually makes two

visits a year to fill Wilson's fuel tanks, but he anticipates returning five or six times, delivering lesser amounts of fuel. Until the fuel price drops, Wilson likely will purchase only enough fuel to see him through spring fieldwork. "I may only be purchasing what I need at any given time, hoping for a lower price on fuel," said Wilson, referring to the 43-cent jump in fuel this spring.

The oil price is creating a greater cost of production burden for farmers this year. "We're talking about an increase of 1 to 2 percent in our production costs," said American Farm Bureau Federation senior economist Terry Francl. "That comes right out of net farm income, and obviously our net farm income is very low, given our prices at this point." The fuel price alone will add 10 to 15 cents a bushel to the production cost of corn, explained Francl, "so it will have a rather dramatic impact."

The fuel price impact is immediate but keeping tractors fueled and lubricated only accounts for about 25 percent of what high oil prices mean to

farmers. If petroleum prices remain high, they eventually will affect other input costs such as propane for grain drying as well as pesticides and fertilizers. "Seventy-five percent of the cost of anhydrous ammonia is natural gas," said Francl. "If these prices stay at current levels, certainly six months, 12 months down the road, it will raise those prices also."

If there is an up side for farmers facing high oil prices, it may be the potential boost to renewable farm-raised fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. "It has to be positive for something that's U.S.-grown, renewable and environmentally friendly," said Wilson. "Usually it takes something outrageous and costly to get people's attention and I think the rise in oil prices is going to do that." High oil prices can certainly be viewed as a negative for farmers, said Wilson. "But timing is everything and I'm hoping that it's ethanol's time right now."

The writer is a producer in broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

## Blue Book of knowledge

Among the small pleasures of being a long-time New Mexican is being able to answer those questions newcomers want answered. Not, mind you, the simple tourist questions about where to eat or how to pronounce Martinez...

The real tough ones, like "what's the state bird?" (Chaparral or roadrunner?) "What's the state flower?" (Yucca) "What's the state tree?" (Piñon pine) "The official state grass?" (Blue Grama) — all little things that come automatically with time, but don't serve much purpose unless you're playing a localized version of Trivia.

As far as I know, the only source document for these bits of information is the New Mexico Blue Book, published more or less regularly by the office of the Secretary of State. It's something of a handbook of state government, listing the congressional delegation, state officials, legislators (complete with pictures), counties, cities, higher educational institutions, court judges to the district level...even golf courses.

The "Cuarto Centennial Edition" released in 1998 is replete with the state's history and a list of its governors — Spain, Mexico, Territory, State — from Juan de Oñate (1598) to Gary Johnson (1998).

The Blue Book is one of the few places where you can find maps showing the boundaries of state Senate and House districts, some of which lend new dimensions to the term "gerrymander." With the 2000 Census upon us and a general election coming up, that subject will be running rampant in coming months and years.

It's also something of a pride product for each Secretary of State; Stephanie Gonzales did the 1998 edition.

A call to Santa Fe this week elicited the information that Secretary Rebecca Vigil-Giron's 2000 edition is due out in a couple of months. It won't tell you who's running for office, only those now living off our tax money. But the 2000 Blue Book will be worth the cost — should be must reading for every newcomer.

### MOUNTAIN ASIDES



BY KEITH GREEN  
RUIDOSO NEWS

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Political candidate endorsements or attacks will not be published; comment should concern issues only. No political comment letters will be published in the edition immediately before an election.

Letters must be no more than 300 words in length, of public interest, and free of libel; editing will be only for grammar or spelling. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject any letter. Longer by-lined "Guest Commentary" articles will be considered; call the editor at (505) 257-4001.

Letters may be delivered to the Ruidoso News office at 104 Park Avenue, mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355; faxed to 257-7053; or sent by e-mail to: ruidosonews@zianet.com.

DOWN'S BRIEFS

Trustees pass community service ordinance

The Ruidoso Downs municipal judge is now able to put those convicted of misdemeanors to work in the community.

Village trustees Monday unanimously approved a community service ordinance. Those offenders placed on community service, in lieu of fines or jail time, would work in the public or private sector, according to the ordinance.

Planning and Zoning shifts meeting times

The Planning and Zoning Board for the village of Ruidoso Downs has changed its meeting dates.

Mike Warren, the board's chairman, told village trustees

that the panel would prefer meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Previously the board normally met the day after a village council meeting, making it nearly two weeks before the council would consider board recommendations. The meetings will still start at 7 p.m.

Second alternative judge position approved

The Ruidoso Downs village council approved a second alternative municipal judge. Dale Perry would sit at the bench if the regular or first alternative judge were unavailable.

Judge Harrold Mansell said the alternative judges do not get paid unless they are actually called into service. He said the village has \$1,000 budgeted annually to pay for alternative judges.

Police seek drug task force membership

The Ruidoso Downs Police Department will pursue involvement in the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. Eddie Lerma, the village's police chief, said Ruidoso Downs is the only community in the county not a part of the drug busting group.

"It would be in our best interest to be involved in the task force," Lerma told village trustees.

Federal funding will be sought to hire a drug officer, the police chief said. He said those dollars are available to areas, like southern New Mexico, where federal officials contend a high amount of illegal drugs from Mexico are trafficked.

If the federal funding fails to materialize, Lerma said he would abandon the pursuit.

Ruidoso Downs clerk takes job in 'Zozo

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Out with the old, in with the old - village clerk, that is.

Leann Weihbrecht, who after 12 years as Ruidoso Downs village clerk was not re-appointed by new Mayor Bob Miller earlier this month, was hired within days to serve in a corresponding position in Carrizozo.

The village clerk/treasurer post opened up in Carrizozo March 20, when Mayor Manny Hernandez decided not to re-appoint Carol Schlarb, who had worked for Carrizozo for 23 years.

"One of the main reasons

she appealed to me is that she's excellent at public relations and to me, that's half of the clerk's job," Hernandez said Thursday of Weihbrecht. "I really appreciate her. She's a little angel sent from heaven. I was in a mess with the resignation of the assistant village clerk the day after Schlarb was not re-appointed."

Weihbrecht started work last week.

"I didn't even know about an opening. The mayor approached me," she said.

Although the new job is quite a drive from Ruidoso Downs, where Weihbrecht lives, she's pleased with the new position, she said.

"Yes, it feels strange after 12

years being in a different village hall, but everyone is real nice and real friendly," she said Thursday. "The duties are essentially the same."

Hernandez said he heard that Weihbrecht "had the qualities that make a good clerk/treasurer."

"She knows everybody in Santa Fe and helped the fire department (in Ruidoso Downs) and did the type of projects that would help us, like Community Development Block Grants and street and sewer projects," Hernandez said.

The village clerk/treasurer in Carrizozo is paid \$31,000. Weihbrecht was paid \$35,900 in Ruidoso Downs.

Census effort continues to need more workers

With the distribution of census of questionnaires almost complete, the Census Bureau is gearing up for the next phase - assisting those resident who need help and expediting the flow of data to Bureau computers. A pool of qualified applicants is already in place to start their \$10.50 per hour jobs, but Census officials say more will be needed. Employees, who are temporary and often part time, also will be reimbursed for car travel.

To qualify, interested residents can bring their driver's license and social security cards

to one of the following test sessions:

- 10 a.m., today, at the Ruidoso Library, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Monday, Presbyterian Church, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Monday, Pioneer Savings Bank, Ruidoso
• 1:30 p.m., Monday, Ruidoso Library, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Tuesday, Carrizozo Village Hall, Carrizozo
• 2 p.m., Tuesday, Ruidoso Library, Ruidoso
• 6 p.m., Tuesday, Convention Center, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Wednesday, Pioneer Savings Bank, Ruidoso

- 10 a.m., Wednesday, Seniors Center, San Patricio
• 2 p.m., Wednesday, ENMU-Ruidoso, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Thursday, Carrizozo Village Hall, Carrizozo
• 10 a.m., Thursday, Pioneer Savings Bank, Ruidoso
• 2 p.m., Thursday, ENMU-Ruidoso, Ruidoso
• 6 p.m., Thursday, Convention Center, Ruidoso
• 9 a.m., Friday, Village Hall, Ruidoso
• 10 a.m., Friday, Presbyterian Church, Ruidoso
• 2:30 p.m., Friday, Village Hall, Ruidoso

FUNERALS DEATHS

Robert Guevara Jr.

Funeral services for Robert Steven Guevara Jr., three-month-old son of Billie Joe and Robert Steven Guevara Sr. of Roswell, will be at 10 a.m. today, March 31, at Santa Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo with the Rev. Dave Bergs officiating.

Robert died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born December 25, 1999, in Alamogordo.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Billie Joe and Robert Steven Guevara Sr.; his grandparents, Martha and Timothy Guevara of Carrizozo; Josie

Warner of Ruidoso and Billy Castillo of Roswell; great-grandparents, Viola Warner of Roswell and Helen and Alex Serna of Carrizozo; uncles James Guevara of Vaughn and Juan Warner of Ruidoso; an aunt, Theresa Vega and her husband, Kenneth, of Carrizozo. Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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**RUIDOSO BRIEFS**

**Lodgers tax audit report presented**

A problem not seen in previous audits of lodgers in the Ruidoso area was presented to the Ruidoso village council Tuesday.

Ronnie Hemphill, a CPA hired to conduct the random audits to assure compliance with lodgers' tax submissions, told councilors a property management company has been segregating room charges and cleaning charges, and submitting the four percent lodging tax on just the room charge. He said the cleaning fees totaled more than \$84,000 last year, representing \$3,300 in taxes paid by guests but not forwarded to the lodgers tax fund.

Hemphill recommended the village revisit its ordinance on the lodging tax.

"If you can word it to some effect and say all revenues associated with rentals, whether it be a room, a condo, or whatever are subject to the lodgers tax," Hemphill said.

Hemphill, who conducted an audit of 14 of 84 village lodg-

ing business, said two others had only minor audit exceptions.

**Speeding in midtown addressed**

Speeding through midtown has become a serious problem, said village council Bob Sterchi, during Tuesday's council meeting. Sterchi asked if village police might consider setting up a radar unit along the Sudderth Drive business district.

Police Lt. Wolfgang Born said the department does have an unmarked radar unit that could be placed in midtown for several hours a day. He told Sterchi the department could make a point to nab speeders in midtown.

**Bids sought for midtown traffic light installation**

The village will seek renewed bids, to install a traffic light at Sudderth Drive and Country Club Drive. Earlier bid efforts failed to bring any

responses, Mayor Robert Donaldson said. The traffic signal has been an 18-month pursuit of the village.

**Tougher sanctions to be proposed for water theft**

Ruidoso residents, who turn water back on after service has been terminated at the meter, may find tougher sanctions when caught. The village council has set a public hearing for April 25 on a proposed amendment to the village code dealing with water meter locks. The potential ordinance change would also designate village water personnel as code enforcement officers when it came to water meter tampering. Village attorney Charles Rennick told councilors the proposed amendment would deem a broken water meter lock seal as proof of tampering.

**Roll-off container charge set**

High fuel costs forced a garbage coalition serving the county to start charging for loads dumped at roll-off containers in Capitan, Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs.

Jerry Wright, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, said Thursday that high fuel rates are gobbling up his budget.

"We had free roll-off service until last week," he said. "But we had to take action."

The containers are used to dispose of all refuse other than household garbage.

The charge is \$10 per cubic yard, which equates to a pickup bed full, but not packed or piled high, he said.

Wright reminded residents that dumping construction materials, yard waste, furniture and appliances in or around dumpsters around the county is illegal. Dumpsters are for

household garbage only.

The roll-off schedule is:

- In Capitan from 8 a.m. to noon or until the container is full the first and third Saturday of each month across from the county road yard on state Road 48.

- In Carrizozo from 9 a.m. to noon or until the container is full the second Saturday and fourth Saturday of each month at the old transfer/convenience station.

- In Ruidoso Downs from 8 a.m. to noon or until the container is filled the second and fourth Saturday at the solid waste yard on Second Street.

All residential and commercial customers also can dump at the solid waste yard from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for the same \$10 per cubic yard rate, Wright said. They should call to check container availability.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Last-minute tax assistance available**

This is a reminder from AARP Tax Aide that the last minute for filing tax returns will be April 17 this year, instead of April 15, which is a Saturday.

The organization is providing free tax assistance for low- and middle-income taxpayers of all ages.

Tax assistance will be available at the Ruidoso Senior Center on Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., through Friday, April 14.

The AARP volunteers will also be at the Senior Citizens Center in Corona on Wednesday, March 29.

Tax forms are available, but taxpayers should bring W-2s and other tax information, including a copy of their last year's return, if possible.

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# County commission discusses tax levy accountability for hospital, clinic

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If he's going to pay a special tax levy to support the county hospital and health clinics, Duane Williams said he'd like to see a better accounting of where the money is spent.

"I, as a taxpayer, don't have much visibility to see where my money is going," the former county Republican Party chairman told commissioners at their meeting earlier this month. "I recommend in any contract, we establish a voucher system out of the county manager's office to see where our tax money is going."

Under the special levy, the hospital receives about \$1.45 million annually and the three health clinics are to share the remaining \$448,000.

County Manager Tom Stewart said reports he receives from the Lincoln County Medical Center, the county hospital in Ruidoso, are detailed and submitted to the commission under the monthly consent agenda for approval.

The exchange between Williams and Stewart was

part of a discussion March 16 about the wording on the general election ballot asking voters to reauthorize the special tax levy.

Commissioners must decide if they want to renew the levy for four or eight years, if they want to reduce the amount of the tax and if they want to change the way the tax proceeds are distributed.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the wording must be in place 30 days prior to the November 7 election.

Commissioner Leo Martinez suggested that a community committee be appointed to gather input from residents across the county and recommend wording to the board.

"They could involve the community," he said. "The more they understand, the better, I think an informed community is a healthy community."

Paul Vordermann, office manager for Family Practice Associates of Ruidoso, said

he's not sure what the level of tax should be, but commissioners should ensure it's enough to protect the county's health care infrastructure and hospital building complex.

Morel said commissioners should ask for proposals to operate the three health clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo.

"That's a better way to get a handle on the actual cost to operate the clinics," Morel said.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which manages the county hospital, operates the Carrizozo clinic and sends personnel to an office in Corona. The Hondo Clinic was set up primarily with money from grants and the state Legislature after the county donated a modular building and \$20,000 to get things moving.

"It's a numbers issue," said Commission Chairman Rex Wilson. "We need to boil them down, perhaps using a professional neutral body."

He suggested advertising for proposals to look at health care needs in the county and how the tax should be distributed. The Carrizozo Health Clinic is growing and shouldn't be financially undercut with the opening of the clinic in Hondo, Wilson said.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley agreed, pointing out that while Hondo residents probably would switch from the Carrizozo Clinic to the clinic in Hondo for their medical needs, they would continue going to Carrizozo for their dental work.

Nunley said a professional study would let the public know what kind of a tax levy is needed.

Nunley's motion to seek proposals for a study to cover the hospital and clinics was approved.

"This process will take some time and meanwhile, Hondo is sitting there with equipment," said Commissioner Rick Simpson, who was walking without crutches for

the first time since a riding accident earlier this year dislocated his pelvis. "This could delay their start up."

Martinez pointed out that Hondo School Superintendent Barbara Casey asked for \$180,000 to start the clinic and the commission easily could take that from a \$560,000 surplus it has set aside for the Carrizozo Clinic from prior year levy proceeds.

"After a year, she can hand deliver hard data," he said, adding that Casey just discovered two months ago Hondo was entitled to money from the special tax levy.

Martinez questioned why commissioners didn't like the idea of a community board comprised of people who have a stake in the county.

Wilson said using an outside firm would ensure a neutral opinion.

Casey said she has \$62,000

that must be used at the Hondo Clinic or be returned. She said she needs to know if the county will give some of the special tax levy money to the clinic to operate, as wording for the levy approved in 1992 required.

"We have brand new equipment sitting in boxes," she said.

Wilson said he'd like to see an accounting of how the \$20,000 given by the county for the clinic two years ago was spent.

Casey sent a letter to Martinez dated March 21, noting that \$19,731 of the \$20,000 was used and that another \$158,500 from sources other than the county was spent on the clinic. She listed the expenditures as \$75,000 for clinic equipment, \$45,000 for building renovation and \$38,500 for a clinic parking area.

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Ski Apache came to the end of the trail last Sunday. Ironically the best skiing of the season was the last few days after 10 inches of snow. Not a great season but the folks up there made it a good season. THANKX to Roy, Denny, Carla, L. B., Sherry and all the staff members.  
My lift ticket was less than \$4.00 a day. So my advice is, buy a season ticket and use it.  
The Lincoln County Lady Republicans had a Tuesday luncheon that was great! Talk about your grass roots, we were below grass roots in the Capitan Methodist Church basement. Our County Manager, Tom Stewart, is always a great speaking attraction.  
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# Academic excellence rewarded

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso Municipal School District honored 116 students Tuesday for academic achievement at the district's academic awards banquet.

Some students were inducted into the National Honor Society, bringing the Ruidoso schools membership to an all-time high of 73, Art Howard, assistant Ruidoso High School principal said.

Senior Monica Keyes received the Distinguished Warrior Award for superior academic achievement and outstanding performance in extracurricular activities.

In the senior class, 15 students received academic awards for achieving grade-point averages (GPA) of 3.5-3.79, and 16 students made the principal's list for GPAs of 3.8 and higher.

The students with the highest GPAs in the senior class are: Alexis Hoff (4.42 GPA); Charles Flanary (4.388 GPA); and Monica Keyes (4.286 GPA).

In the junior class, 11 students received academic awards for GPAs of 3.5-3.79, and 11 students made the principal's list for GPAs of 3.8 and higher.

Three juniors tied for highest GPA, all with GPAs of 4.314: Solomon Barnett, Sean Sebastian and Saras Sharma.

Ten sophomores received academic awards and 18 students were named to the principal's list.

The sophomores with the highest GPAs are: Jacob Cepelas (4.652 GPA); Joshua Romero (4.19 GPA); and Sidney Davis (4.167 GPA).

In the freshman class, 28



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News

Monica Keyes led the guests in prayer at the Academic Awards Banquet for Ruidoso High School students Tuesday. Later, she received the Distinguished Warrior Award.

students received academic awards and 12 students made the principal's list.

The freshman with the highest GPA is Kelly Paton (4.2 GPA). Nine students tied for

second-place with 4.0 GPAs: Jennifer Cannella, Timea Eckerd, Fletcher Herring, Cecily Howell, Jessica Kampsy, Paul LeBlanc, Collin Leslie, Adrian Salas and Sarah Wirth.

# Teens and alcohol abuse examined

'Right of passage' could become last rites when prom and liquor mix

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Parents who think it's a rite of passage for teens to drink on prom night are invited to a parent forum that will explain the risks of alcohol poisoning.

"Four thousand teenagers annually die from alcohol poisoning, which is more than the number who die from drunk driving," said Victoria Hisel, business manager of the DWI Prevention Program.

"The message we want to put out for parents is 'Don't think you're doing your children a favor by providing a condominium or motel for their party after the prom party and providing the liquor, with the thinking that you're providing them a safe haven,'" she said. "Mainly because you could be killing them."

Many students who overdose on alcohol are put to bed to "sleep it off," and when the parents go in to check on them in the morning, they find them dead, Hisel said.

"People may pass out before all of the alcohol reaches the brain," states a card the DWI office gives out to teens explaining alcohol poisoning and what to do if they suspect a friend is in danger.

Alcohol overdose death can occur because low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), seizures, low body temperature leading to cardiac arrest, asphyxiation from choking on vomit, breathing and heartbeat becoming slow and irregular and then stopping, according to a flyer that parents will receive.

"Call 911 right away, don't try to take care of it yourself," Hisel recommends to those around a person who shows symptoms of alcohol poisoning.

Because each person's body reacts differently to alcohol, Hisel said, there is no formula for the quantity of alcohol that

"(Parents) think they're protecting the children, but they're not."

Victoria Hisel, business manager DWI Prevention Program

would result in alcohol poisoning.

Three or four shots in an hour's time for some people, or 10-12 shots in an hour for others, might mean they're bordering on alcohol poisoning, she said.

Several students approached the DWI table at the Career Fair and told Hisel of others who had their stomachs pumped because of alcohol poisoning.

One teen told Hisel she had been in the hospital for alcohol poisoning, and she brought other teens to see the exhibit, Hisel said.

Art Howard, assistant principal at Ruidoso High School, said that he is aware of one student who was taken to the hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning this year.

"Maybe we can slow down some of the parent participation," Hisel said, referring to the

parent forum, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the DWI Prevention Office.

The office is located behind the Motor Vehicle Department.

The Ruidoso prom is April 8. Hisel said the DWI Prevention Office is working on getting parent-forums set up in other communities to warn parents about after-prom parties and the dangers of providing their children with liquor and a "safe place to party."

"(Parents) think they're protecting the children, but they're not," Hisel said.

It's not enough to take the keys away or assign a designated driver, she said, unless the designated driver knows the symptoms of alcohol poisoning.

"Talk to your kids before the prom and say, 'If you drink, don't drink and drive, and don't be afraid to call your parents and say someone's sick, we need help.' You might be saving a life."

At the parent forum, a video, "Without Warning," will be shown, in which parents who have lost children because of alcohol poisoning talk about the experience.

Hisel and DWI coordinator Barbara Reyes will speak on the topic and answer questions.

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Carrizozo at Socorro Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Prep softball  
Cobre Tournament: Ruidoso vs. El Paso Bowie, 8 a.m.; Ruidoso vs. winner Hot Springs/El Paso Burgess, 11 a.m.  
Prep track  
Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, Mescalero at Rose Invitational, Tularosa, 3 p.m.  
Saturday, April 1  
Prep baseball  
Ruidoso at home vs. Cobre, 2 p.m.  
Prep softball  
Ruidoso at Cobre Tournament, TBA  
Prep track  
Ruidoso at Socorro Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Mescalero at Dexter Invitational  
Tuesday, April 4  
Prep baseball  
Ruidoso at home vs. Silver, 3 p.m.  
Prep softball  
Ruidoso at home vs. Santa Teresa, 3 p.m.  
Prep tennis  
Ruidoso at home vs. Artesia, 3 p.m.

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Cuties	9	4	.692
The Players	8	5	.615
Sierra Blanca Slammers	8	6	.571
Hardwood Thunder	4	9	.308
Forty Minutes Plus	4	9	.308
Brew Crew	3	9	.250
Oliver O's	3	9	.250
Renegades	0	14	.000

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Games for April 3  
6:30 p.m. - Sierra Blanca Slammers vs. Oliver O's  
7:30 p.m. - Cuties vs. Brew Crew  
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7:30 p.m. - Julian G vs. Hardwood Thunder  
8:30 p.m. - Sierra Blanca Slammers vs. Brew Crew

**On Deck**

Golf scramble  
The Ruidoso High School golf team will host a benefit scramble at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Inn of the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The cost is \$25 per person plus cart fees and the public is invited. The scramble will offer \$500 in prizes. For more information or to sign up, call Cree Meadows at 257-5815 or The Inn of the Mountain Gods at 257-5816.

Senior Olympics  
The 2000 Lincoln County Senior Olympics schedule has been set. The first scheduled event is Horseshoes, 10 a.m. April 4, at the Carrizozo Country Club. For more information, call Bart Young at 257-3193.

**Fishing report**

For Rio fishing -  
RIO RUIDOSO: The river above the Carrizo Creek confluence is flowing at just 1.2 CFS. Below the confluence, the flow is about 6 and 7 CFS. With the decreased water flow in the river, fishing above the Carrizo Creek confluence is almost non-existent. The best fly selections this past week have been green rock worms, bead head pheasant tail nymphs or bead head prince nymphs. A few fish were caught on stone fly nymphs and BWO dry flies.  
BONITO LAKE: The lake closed for the season Nov. 30. Reopens April 1, 2000.  
EAGLE LAKES: The lakes are closed for the season. Look for their opening in May 2000.  
GRINDSTONE LAKE: The lake level is down about 13-15 feet, but is fishing well. Late afternoon and early evening fishing will produce the best fishing here. Woolly buggers in brown and black have been the ticket this week and last. Bubble rigs and propeller flies will do well for the spin caster fisherman. Remember April opens this lake to non-motorized boating. Give a thought to using a float tube and sinking line to get out and find the trophy fish that lurk off shore. If you do participate in boating on Grindstone Lake, be sure to visit the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department to get your boating permit and take the required flotation devices with you while on the lake. Remember to squeeze your hook bars down if you are planning to catch and release.  
LAKE MISCALERO: The lake level is down, but is fishing well late afternoon and evening. Dry flies have been working towards evening. Patterns that have been producing are Hendrickson's, Wulff grey and parachute Adams. One fisherman stated he did real well on black and yellow humpies. Place a dropper fly behind your dry fly and see what happens. Black, brown and olive propeller flies with a bubble rig have been doing well for the spin casters. Remember to purchase your day pass at the reception desk at the Inn.  
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BONITO LAKE: The lake opens April 1. Fishing will be great on powerbait, worms, salmon eggs; just about anything you want to throw at them on opening day.  
GRINDSTONE LAKE: Fishing is fair. Try using Pistol Pete's and powerbait. New licenses are due April 1.

**Special athlete got his time on the court in Corona**

BY KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona boys basketball team may not have ended the season with a stellar record, but the players, coaches, their parents and fans can all be assured they're winners because of the effort to make one player a part of the team.

When D.J. Hand, an 18-year-old developmentally disabled special education student showed up at the start of the season and said he wanted to play, there was no hesitation.

"He wanted to play, so OK," said then head coach Bish Archer.

Archer, who stepped down from the head coaching position to spend more time on his own schooling, was Hand's teacher and knew his potential. Although Hand was in a class for students significantly below grade level, he was an enthusiastic athlete who was willing to do almost anything, asked of him.

Hand had been a part of the Cardinal football team, but had spent most of his time on the bench.

"He sat most of the time," Archer said. "He was in for a little while. He

didn't like getting hit." But that wasn't the case on the basketball squad.

The 5-foot-5 Hand saw action in every game he attended, if only for the last few minutes. Archer said the small squad backed Hand all the way.

"They give him lots of support," he said. "He comes out, he tries his best every time. We have no problem with him, no attitude. He'll back off a little bit, but he's not afraid to try anything. He'll get up there and try shots and do everything everybody else does."

Hand didn't make a basket in his season with the team, but he tried.

At a district game in Mountainair, the young athlete came into the game and got open in 3-point range. With the crowd cheering the first-year player on,

"Albert (Sanchez) gave him the ball and told him to take a shot. He just barely missed it," Archer said. "We were pulling for him. Everybody in the



D.J. Hand, No. 15, a special education student at Corona High School, was a big part of the Cardinal basketball team this season.

stands and on the bench was calling, 'Shoot! Shoot!'

Hand said trying to make baskets is what he likes best about the game.

"Being able to shoot the ball and get out of there," he said.

Hand, who said he's been shooting hoops "about 100 years," was also one of the most regular players at practice. He only missed a few work outs for dental work, otherwise he was there every day. And the team members were there for him.

"He does everything the rest of the team does," Archer said. "He's in there with our players. He's in the locker room with us. He goes and eats with us, rides the bus with us. He feels like he's part of the team."

"All the kids are real good about it. They support him and everything, so I'm proud of those guys for that. They could just say, 'Aw, that kid,' but they don't. They give him a lot of support."

So does his mother, Amber Hand, who admits she was surprised when her son told her he wanted to be a basketball player.

"Yes, I was, but I'm glad," she said.

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**Vega is Carrizozo golf**

KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Josh Vega is a one-student varsity golf team.

The senior is the only member of the Carrizozo varsity golf squad, but the lack of team members doesn't mean Vega doesn't have high hopes for the season.

"I just hope to qualify for state and play good; play the best I can," he said. "I think if I do that, I can probably go to state and maybe win. But it'll take a lot more practice."

First-year coach Jeanna Morton agrees with her young charge's assessment of his chances.

"I think he can get there," she said. "It's going to take some work. We've got to be able to get to some tournaments."

Getting to tournaments has been the problem for Vega this season.

His first two tournaments, in Portales and Socorro, were snowed out. When he finally got in a full round, in Alamogordo last week, he had a slow start.

But Vega will be back on the course today, in a resched-



Josh Vega is a one-man golf team for Carrizozo.

uled Socorro meet, and has enough other meets on the calendar that if he starts playing to his potential, he will earn the three legs needed to go to state.

Vega only started golfing when he was a freshman — when the idea of a Grizzly golf team first surfaced. But he's been practicing hard, and Mor-

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**Warrior golfers shooting to repeat**

KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's boys golf team has a big legacy to live up to.

Last year, the Warriors took the A-AAA state title, shooting a two-day total of 637 to edge runner-up Los Alamos by three. It was the second state title in the 1990s for the team. Now the Warriors would like to start the next decade with both a team and individual title.

But coach Ron Wall, who's in his 10th season with the Warriors, knows the title is not a lock.

"We're going to have some stiff competition," he said.

Teams Wall thinks will give the Warriors good competition include Los Alamos, Socorro and New Mexico Military Institute.

"It is by no means a shoe in for us," he said. "We're going to be doing battle right down to the end. It'll be interesting."

But the Warriors are looking at more than just a team title.

"Our goal this year is to not only win state again, but to have (Ben Andrews) win as the individual, as he did in his sophomore year. I think that would be the icing on the cake to do both feats," Wall said.

Andrews is certainly the team leader.

He won the individual title two years ago, and last year finished in a three-way tie for third, six shots behind Socorro's Miguel Griego.

But besides Griego, who's



Ruidoso's boys golf team is hoping to repeat as state champion. Team members, from left, back, are, Colton English, Todd Schrader, Hayden Gaston, Ben Andrews; front, Ryan Shaver, Daniel Duncan, Jared Leadingham and Ian Reynolds.

returning and again is expected to challenge for the individual title, several Warriors could be right in the hunt for the gold.

Junior Chris Duncan is currently sitting out with academic difficulties. But Wall is hopeful he'll put those behind him.

"If we can get him back with us, he's certainly capable of shooting a low number," the coach said.

Sophomore Colton English is another Warrior who'll fight for the title.

"He's playing outstanding right now," Wall said. "If his game is on, he can shoot in the mid 70s."

New to the team this year is

freshman Ryan Shaver, who Wall calls "golf smart. He's probably one of our sharpest kids and understands the game and loves it and plays a lot of it and should do well."

Wall said junior Todd Schrader was key to last season's success.

"He was crucial. He and Ben will be the two leaders," the coach said. Schrader is just coming back after a long basketball season, but Wall doesn't expect that to be a problem.

"He's an athlete, and it won't take him long to get back in the groove," he said.

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Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News  
Ruidoso's cheerleaders are participating in the New Mexico Activities Association State Cheer Competition. The competition began Thursday and continues through Saturday at The Pit in Albuquerque. The squad's entire season comes down to a 2-1/2 minute cheer performance and three minute cheer with music performance. Winners will be honored Saturday at a 3 p.m. awards ceremony. Pictured during a dress rehearsal at Ruidoso High School are, top, Shara Gurule; far back, Jessica Hightower, Jennifer Bailey; standing, Lindsay Eggleston, McKayla Brooks; kneeling rear, Brooke Hall, Hayley Koontz; kneeling front, Lozen Linley, Anna Sutton, Brooke Bogle. Not pictured, Amber Word, Michelle Hopper.



Members of the Capitan golf team are, from left, top, Ric Berglund, head coach, Robbie Burchett, Dakota Hall, Richard Wheeler, Andrew Pierce, Michael Crawford, Rocky Burrows, Brad Adams, Jason Hightower, assistant coach; middle, Elliott Taylor, Michael Trapp, Rusty Martin, Seth Adcock, David Griego, Alex Trujillo; bottom, Justin Griffin, Katrina Johns, Javier Frost and Patrick Luna. Not pictured, Jerrold Stierwalt.

**Capitan golfers increase numbers, quality**

KAREN BOEHLER  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The fact that Capitan High School hosts a golf team may be one of the better-kept secrets in Lincoln County sports.

But the Tigers do have a full squad, which has grown from five members in 1998 to 21, today, including five varsity

members, 14 junior varsity golfers and one girl JV golfer.

The team was started by coach Ric Berglund when some students expressed an interest in the sport.

"A couple of kids approached me, so I did the necessary paperwork and visited

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# Texas Rangers coming to Ruidoso radio

Texas Ranger baseball will be part of Ruidoso radio this summer. KRUI-AM (1490 AM), licensed to Ruidoso Downs, will carry Ranger games on weekends. KWMW-FM (105.1), licensed in Maljamar, will carry all games starting with Monday's 1:05 p.m. season opener against the Chicago White Sox.

"We are thrilled to be bringing major league baseball to our coverage area of Roswell, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Lovington, Ruidoso and many other communities," said Bruce Rimbo, president of MTD, Inc., owners of KWMW-FM and KRUI-AM. "Many neighborhoods will be hearing major league baseball on the radio for the first time. We feel this is a lifestyle improvement for the

area and a great addition to our radio station." KRUI-AM broadcasts in Ruidoso. KWMW-FM has one of the largest broadcast coverage areas in the southwest United States, covering southeast New Mexico and extreme west Texas. The broadcasts increase the Rangers Network to cover four states, including more than 50 radio stations.

"The addition of KWMW-FM dramatically increases our coverage area for Texas Rangers baseball," said Dan Bell, director of affiliate relations. "It's a great addition for our network to have such a strong signal for our fans to listen to in southeast New Mexico."

The Rangers will play 162 games in the regular season.

# HAND: Special athlete gets hoops chance

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adding she's proud of his effort. "I just think everything he does is great."

Hand admits the thing he's most worried about is contact on the court, but his mother said she's not concerned.

"No, because he knows how to get out of the way," she laughed.

Clay Burton, who taught special education at Corona a year ago and now works in

Hondo, said nothing Hand does would surprise him.

"I'm just real proud to see D.J. out there," he said. "I know he can do just about anything the rest of us can do. We all have different talents."

The end of the basketball season was the end of high school athletics for Hand. Next year, the then 19-year-old will work part time at the senior citizens center in Corona and continue to work on life skills at the school. Although it's

most likely a dream, he said he'd like to go to Alamogordo and join the Air Force.

Whatever his future, Hand has had a dream come true thanks to Corona basketball. And Burton said whatever the young man does, he'll make life special for whoever's around him.

"There's nobody I'd rather spend time with than D.J.," Burton said. "He's a wonderful person. Fun to be with. Makes you feel good."

# VEGA: Golfer working towards state berth

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ton said he has the skills to be successful.

"He's good," she said. "He's a power hitter. He's got a smooth, consistent stroke, and I think that's where a lot of (high school golfers) have a problem, with their consistency."

Vega can also sink the shots from the green, Morton said.

"He can sink 'em long, he can sink 'em short. He's got a good putting game," she said.

Vega said being a one-man team does put some pressure on him.

"Everybody sees you're the only one and they figure you're

probably a little good," he said. "I just try to play my best when I play."

Vega is also going up against golfers from much larger schools. Only 10 A and AA schools in New Mexico field golf teams, meaning Vega has to compete against golfers from larger AAA schools, which usually field full squads.

But the Grizzly golfer isn't concerned about that, saying while the bigger schools may have more numbers, the quality is about equal.

"I think everyone's the same," he said. "There's probably some good golfers in that higher area, but I think if you're a good single A, it's prob-

ably just as hard in AAA."

No matter what happens on the course this season, Vega's high school career will end this spring.

But Carrizozo golf won't. Sophomores Matt Offutt and Jason Harkey are golfing the junior varsity circuit, and Morton is working on encouraging more young golfers to try the lifetime sport.

"We talked a lot about it, and most of our (older) kids are in track, so right now, I'm working on the junior high kids. I've got several I think we're going to start in April," Morton said. "We're starting to build a team from the junior high. Get them interested now."



Karen Boehler/Ruidoso News

The Mescalero track team is one of four county teams that will compete at Tularosa this afternoon. Mescalero team members are, from left, back, Raven Chino, Warren Sago, Rowan Yuzos, Josh Valdez, coach Sheldon Fernando; front, Maggie Starr, manager Mary Ann Peralta, Rowan Yuzos, manager Clifford Valdez, Emily Blake. Not pictured: Sharolynn Johnson, Lynell Kaydahzinne, Kessie Kaydahzinne.

# WARRIORS: Golfers want state title

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The rest of the team includes Jared Leadingham, Ian Reynolds, Hayden Gaston and Daniel Duncan. Wall said the top two or three spots are pretty well set, but the other three could be wide open for whoever wants it the most.

The Warriors will open the home season April 7 with the Great Eight, then host the Leroy Gooch Invitational, the biggest high school tournament of the season, April 17 and 18. Wall said the competition will be stiff at each, giving the Warriors a look at their strongest competition.

"It will certainly give us an indication how we're doing," he said.

# CAPTAN: Young golfers looking to future

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with all of the local pros, who were very, very cooperative," he said.

The Tiger golfers practice on a home-grown driving range and sand trap in town, then travel to Ruidoso courses to get in full rounds and practice putting.

Seniors Dakota Hall and Andrew Pierce, juniors Michael Crawford and Jerron Sherwall and sophomore Michael Trapp, one of the original five Captain golfers, make up the varsity.

The remaining team members vie for slots at junior varsity tournaments, and Berglund said having numbers makes the players work harder to become one of

those who get to compete.

"Some of them are getting pretty sure of themselves," the coach said.

But, coming from a small school, Berglund doesn't turn down anyone who wants to golf.

"I don't have the privilege, like some of the bigger schools, that if you can't break 90, you don't show up for the team," he said. "I start kids when they walk in the door and say, 'I'd like to try it.' Every one of my kids has been that way."

Because most of the Tigers are inexperienced JV players, Berglund is concentrating on JV tournaments, with only a few varsity meets on the schedule.

The varsity got its first try

Monday at the Jimmy Oliver Invitational in Las Cruces, competing against big schools such as Ocate, Las Cruces, Silver and Mesilla Valley.

The Tigers finished last among the more skilled competitors, shooting 388, but, Berglund said, "they did well."

He isn't expecting to see his team at state this year, but does think one or two individuals may earn enough legs to qualify.

The future is a different matter.

"Within a year, we'll be competitive. We have to get our feet wet a bit," he said. "I'm sure, the way things are going, we'll definitely have a team (at state) next year."



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**RUIDOSO POLICE**

**Burglaries reported on Del Norte Drive**

An estimated \$1,870 in personal property was reported taken from a seasonal home on Del Norte Drive, according to a Ruidoso police report.

The incident, being reviewed as criminal damage to property, burglary and larceny, all felonies, occurred between January 15 and March 24. Missing from the residence were tools and a toolbox, golf clubs a television and VCR. Entry to the home was made through a kitchen door.

Another Del Norte Drive home was broken into between March 13 and 26, though the owner of the residence told police nothing was taken or damaged as a result of the break-in. Entry was made through a bathroom window.

**Burglary reported on Yodel Lane**

Ruidoso police are investi-

gating a felony case of criminal damage to property, burglary and larceny, following a Yodel Lane break-in.

Taken during the incident, which occurred between March 22 and 24, were a TV, VCR and telephone. The value of the missing items was set at \$935.

**Graffiti investigated**

Ruidoso police are investigating two additional instances of graffiti.

The latest cases were reported on March 21. The graffiti is believed to have occurred around the same time as seven other instances. The graffiti has occurred largely in the mid town area. The most recent reported cases were at a building at 2959 Sudderth Drive, where three of four store front windows were labeled with the same type of lettering as pre-

vious graffiti cases, according to police.

Two nearby village garbage dumpsters were also spray painted with the symbols.

**Man charged in alleged domestic incident**

A Ruidoso man was arrested on March 26 for a domestic incident. Otis Channing Murry, 30, has been charged with assault against a household member.

According to a Ruidoso Police Department report, Murry was accused of breaking a glass door and other items at an Evergreen Road residence.

**Women arrested in alleged fight**

Two women were charged

with battery, as a result of an alleged fight on March 28. Kimberly L. Hale, 34, of Ruidoso and Terri Powers, 39, of Capitan were charged after police responded to an argument that had escalated into a physical fight.

Police had been called to a Juniper Road residence at 9:50 a.m.

**Car rolls into police vehicle during stop**

A Ruidoso Downs man, whose vehicle rolled into a police squad car, was arrested March 21 for driving while intoxicated.

According to a Ruidoso Downs police report, an officer responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle at Spring Road and Parnell Drive about 11:30 p.m. After the driver of the vehicle opened his window, the officer detected an odor of

alcohol. The vehicle then rolled backwards about 15 feet, striking the Ruidoso Downs police vehicle.

Javier M. Rodriguez, 44, was charged by State Police with DWI.

**Vehicle vandalized**

A vehicle, at a residence on Rowan Drive, was splattered by paint late on March 20 or during the first half of the following day.

The resident notified Ruidoso police of the vandalism on March 21.

Someone had shot the vehicle with three paint balls on the driver's side of the pickup truck, a police report states.

The case is being investigated as misdemeanor injury to private property and propulsion of missiles.

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available for only \$32,900 and payments @ \$289.00 a month. A lot of house for a little down. Call 1-800-824-3013

010 REAL ESTATE

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

NICE 1BR/1BA HOUSE; easy access, unfurnished, \$450/mo plus deposit, plus utilities. 378-8100, ask for Jim.

NICE LARGE FURNISHED

1bdm; \$400 + deposit. Also nice large furnished efficiency \$300 + deposit. Nice neighborhood, across from racetrack. Water, sewer, garbage paid. 505-391-3825

NICE LARGE FURNISHED

2bdm, across from racetrack. Fireplace, deck, \$625 plus deposit. Water and garbage paid. 505-391-3825

SMALL 2 BEDROOM CABIN

for rent; \$400/mo, plus utilities and references. 257-9128

TAKING APPLICATIONS one

bedroom furnished house; \$300, one person, no pets, water paid, cleanup fee, lease, references. 257-2004

TAKING APPLICATIONS.

Very clean, roomy, 3bdm, 1.5ba, unfurnished, easy access, paved streets. \$700/mo, \$650/dep plus utilities. References no pets or smoking. 1-888-504-3264.

UNIQUE SANTA FE SOLAR

'Earthship' home, 3bdm/2ba main house with 2 separate guest houses; one with workshop, on 11 acres with great views, near Nogal, \$1,500/mo. Wayland at Re/Max 258-5833

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 AAA+ La Casitas De Rosa excellent location, 2 bedrooms upstairs; 1.25 bathrooms; and w/d hookups. \$575 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

\$285 MIDTOWN; furnished

efficiency cabin. Utilities paid. 258-5877

2BD/1BA, CLEAN, UNFURNISHED

apartment. Good location, fireplace, gas heat water paid. \$435/mo plus deposit. 505-258-3210.

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM

duplexes; remodeled, nice area, pleasant view, furnished or unfurnished. Day, Week or Long Term. 257-2042

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090 MOBILES FOR RENT

AVAILABLE APRIL 1ST: 2bd, 2ba very nice mobile, located in Ruidoso's premier RV Park, for rent to a mature, non-smoking adult or couple. \$850/mo, includes utilities, 1st & last mo rent w/lease. 257-3429

NICE 2 BEDROOM 14X70;

carpeted, on river, near 'Y', lease. HUD Welcome. 378-4498

090 MOBILES FOR RENT

VERY NICE 2 BDRM available now. \$550/mo. Water paid. Pine Mountain Realty. Lic# 1166901. 257-4700.

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CINMARON CONDOS

efficiency apartments available. Hwy 70 East, next to Corley's Nursery, \$325/mo. 378-5280.

UNFURNISHED 2BR, 2BA

with all appliances plus garage. Midtown area. \$750/mo plus utilities. Available April 1st. Call Casas de Ruidoso. 257-7577

110 CABINS/VACATION

RENTALS CABIN FOR RENT, in Bonito Canyon, \$450/month, all bills paid. One or two people only. \$100/dep/mt. Call Terry between 10am-6pm only. 338-7811.

ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH

on Gavilan Canyon Road; unfurnished, \$395/mo plus utilities. 344-4263, 420-6489

120 MOBILE SPACES

FOR RENT BIG 60'X170' FENCED spaces \$165/mo. Easy access, Captain Estates, 10 miles to Ruidoso. 257-4700 or evenings call 354-2881.

CAPTAIN: PAD SPACE for

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RV SPACES; LONG/SHORT

term, by River Sierra Blanca RV, 616 Sudderth. 257-2576 Reserve Now!

130 ROOM FOR RENT

COMPLETELY FURNISHED attractive room in scenic area of retired couples' home. Private entrance and bath, kitchen and laundry privileges, 20 minutes to town. \$225/mo. Meals if desired. 354-2658

HOUSE TO SHARE WITH

private room furnished or not, \$300 per month plus % utilities. Call 378-5348.

150 STORAGE SPACE

FOR RENT AA STORAGE; 378-7030. Inside-Outside storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy

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170 BUSINESS RENTALS

2,400 SQ.FT. AVAILABLE at the Attic Complex, 1031 Mechem. 258-6336

BURKETT HOME REPAIR

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COMMERCIAL ZONED

property for lease; 1375 sq. ft. Excellent location and property. Call 257-6902.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES and

retail space for lease at Pine-tree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-6166. Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm.

FOR RENT OR LEASE

excellent location, 2330 Sudderth. 505-275-7791.

GAZEBO PLAZA for

Jeans. Prime retail space. 217 Sudderth Dr. 257-5103 or 268-3627.

LOCATION! 2819 Sudderth.

Reception area, 2 offices, kitchen, bath, storage. \$480 a month. 257-6369

OFFICE SPACE FOR

lease; 200 Sudderth, Suite A. \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5611.

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

2 BUSINESSES FOR SALE! Great location, very low rent. One Music store, one Cafe. Available separately or together. \$16,000 and \$8,000 or \$20,000 for both. Firm. 257-4500 or 630-2233

AN EXCEPTIONAL OFFER!

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ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT

buying or selling your time-share/campground membership? Call 1-800-423-5567. We've been helping people buy and sell for over 18 years! Never an appraisal fee. 9am-7pm Monday through Friday.

210 VANS FOR SALE

98 DODGE CARAVAN, AWD... 50k miles. Lots of great runs rest. Asking less than NADA retail. 506-257-7109

240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

CLASS A EXECUTIVE Motor home; new tires, excellent condition, low mileage. 1979 Kountry Aire travel trailer; 35' good condition. 378-4891

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wheel 40' travel trailer; living room, kitchen complete with pantry & microwave, full size bathroom/queen bedroom suite, washer/dryer. See to believe space in this travel trailer. Excellent as guest house. \$9,000. 257-4575

RV SPACES FOR RENT; off

Carriazo Canyon, Rd. #125 monthly. RV spaces; Captain, \$125 monthly. Nice area. 354-3187, 430-5557

250 LIVESTOCK & HORSES

ARABIAN BAY HORSE; Gelding, 14 hands, experienced rider, \$1,500. 336-7958

EVERYTHING FOR HORSES

Saddles, ropes, hoofers, wormer, fly spray, hand tools. Across from Race Track, Prime Time Flea Market.

290 PETS & SUPPLIES

TWO BLACK REGISTERED male Chinese Pugs; 7 weeks old, \$125 each. Mother and father on premises. Call 257-7990.

300 YARD SALES

DO YOU LIKE TO GO TO garage sales? Who doesn't? This Saturday, April 1st, the High School Sophomore Class is having a garage sale at the high school. From 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM... 354-2110

350 SPORTING GOODS

TENNIS PLAYER'S Rackets restring. 258-2315

360 MISCELLANEOUS

19 FT. SINGLE AXLE travel trailer. Three full vision, lighted, locked show cases. Small microwave refrigerator combination. 257-4275

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716 Mechem Dr. • Ruidoso, NM THIS WEEK'S FEATURE OPEN HOUSE

109 Rim Road - Beautiful home on 1/2 acre fenced lot, views, decks, 3000 sq. ft. Four bedrooms, 4 bath - too many features to list. (This week only special price \$259,000). Come by or call Ray Nell at 257-4597. Open 1:00 to 4:00 Sunday Call 1-800-427-4274

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Abhhhh! Ruidoso!

Georgia Underwood

RUIDOSO DOWNS - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Open dining room and split bedroom plan. Two covered decks, large parking area. Nice storage shed. 394-999 992641

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There's no place like it. Reduced to \$189,500

300 YARD SALES

SAT. APRIL 1ST. 8AM-2 303 Travel Air. (Marathon Pizza Hut area). Computer new carpet remnants, twin bed, couch, much more.

SPRING CLEANING!

\$ wheelie \$100; cab-over-campers \$150; fireplaces, refrigerators, windows, lots of junk. Cheap! Fri, Sat, Sun, 8am-5pm, Hwy 37, mile marker 4, Lamay Ranch Rd., follow signs.

USED CORRUGATED IRON;

33x12 sheets. Like new rocker chair. Toaster, toaster, commercial. Waffle iron. 378-8128

WHEEL CHAIR 27" TV,

deck, women's clothes microwave, small refrigerator, 10-speed, miscellaneous. Friday, Saturday at Action Store, age 9-12 on Gavilan-Canyon Road.

YARD SALE, 141 PORR

DRIVE, too many items to mention. 8:00-3:00, Saturday, April 1.

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

2 NICE LOUNGE recliners; one blue, one mauve. Cost \$500 each new. Now \$75 each. 108 N. Eagle or call 257-5403

48 INCH ROUND DINING

room table with two 12 inch leaves extending to 72 inches. Includes four chairs. Cherry finish, good condition. 336-4726

WHITE IRON DAYBED WITH

brass/alabaster finish and bedding set with mattress. See at Cabbage Rose, 2546 Sudderth. \$450.00. 257-5576.

320 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

5-STRING BANJO LESSONS Jay Gasteberry from the Flying Garterbons is offering instruction to Intermediate level instruction in Bluegrass style. 354-2110

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Timeshare Apt. for Sale:

Pinecliff Village, Ruidoso, Unit 6, Bldg. 5, weeks 46-13 Nov. 13-Apr. 3 - SKIER'S PARADISE.

Contact Leah Messina (972) 434-2934 or email: leah@bancroftoperations.com

360 MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE, GREE MEADOW Country Club membership (share) \$3,000. Will consider offers. (805)698-0112

FOUR 64 1/2 ORIGINAL Mustang

hubs and rims. Also 33x15 Ford tires and rims. Will trade. 434-4020, 257-2015

FREE FREE FREE Debt consolidation

application with services. Reduce payments up to 85%. No advance fees! Special cash back offer. Call now! 1-800-328-8510 ext 6.

GENERATOR: BEARS

Craftsman; new in the carton, heavy duty, 7500 watt, 15hp, OHV, electric start, \$1,400 firm. Call 257-2045.

KENMORE SELF CLEANING

(round) gas bar-b-que with two wooden side trays. Propane tank included. \$100. 336-8206

KISS YOUR CABLE goodbye.

Only \$69. Includes 18" Little Dish System, 40 channels; \$19.99/mo. Toll Free 1-888-292-4936. Won't be under-\$44! Money back guarantee. FEDEX Delivery!

PENTIUM COMPUTER;

loaded. Internet ready, \$300. 258-1521

STEEL BUILDING SALE:

5000 x 5000, 40x60x14 \$8,000; 50x75x14 \$10,100; 60x100x16 \$15,127; Mini storage, 40x18, 32 units, \$16,534. Free brochures. www.sendinsteelbuildings.com Sentinal Buildings, 800-327-0790 Extension 79

WOLFF TANNING BEDS

Tan at Home. Buy Direct and Save! Commercial/Home units from \$199. Low monthly payments. Free color catalog. Call today. 1-800-842-1310

370 WANTED TO BUY

WANTED TO BUY any type of antiques and good furniture. We pay cash for one piece or houseful. Call anytime. 336-8116.

380 HELP WANTED

\$5,000 SIGN-ON BONUS. If you qualify! The U.S. Navy has immediate openings in various technical/non-technical fields. Excellent benefits, paid training. Must be ages 17-34 and willing to relocate. Call 1-800-354-9627. Act now!

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

FOR CDL TRUCK DRIVERS. Ruidoso Paving, 106 Close Drive. 257-2300.

AIR FORCE Great career

opportunities available for high school grads ages 17-34. Plus up to \$12,000 enlistment bonus if you qualify. For an information packet, call 1-800-423-USAF or visit www.airforce.com.

BOOTH RENTAL Visible

Changes/Maria Norman has openings: Hair Stylist, Nail Tech. Prefer experience. For appointment, days 257-2121 or 258-4508, 430-1423.

CASA BLANCA is accepting

applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

060 MANUFACTURED HOMES FOR SALE

\$259 PER MONTH O.A.C.

3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide, delivered and setup. 1-800-630-8577 D00546

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STARTING AT \$999 DOWN!!!

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FREE Fireplace

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\$26,990 or \$229/MO.

26x60 2 bedrooms 2 bath (SW)

\$46,990

26x80 3 bedrooms 2 bath (SW)

CALL TODAY!

1-800-695-1112 237-2500

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT

\* Commercial property on Sudderth Dr. for lease. Includes commercial building plus an apartment in back. \$2000 per month plus utilities or any part thereof negotiable. Call Mark at Tall Pines Realty.

\* 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, unfurnished 2 level condo in great neighborhood. \$575/month plus utilities.

\* One level, 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished house. \$650/month plus utilities.

Nightly rentals also available! Please call Kathy at 257-7786

380 HELP WANTED

CD. SPONSORED training & 1st year income \$35k. Stevens Transport, OTR truck drivers wanted! Non-experienced or experienced. 336-286-8817 or 800-333-8686. EOE

DISHWASHERS & COOKS

needed immediately. Excellent pay plus benefits. Experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at Michelena's, 2703 Sudderth, ask for Brian.

DRIVER APPLICATIONS

processed in 2 hours or less. Long haul drivers needed. Class A CDL required. Student Graduates Welcome. Continental Express 1-800-695-4473

DRIVER CONVENANT Transp.

Coast to Coast Runs. Teams start \$42-\$46, \$1,000 sign on bonus for Exp co. Drivers. For experienced drivers and owner operators. 1-800-441-4394 for Graduate Students 1-800-338-8428.

DRIVERS-FLATBED. Comp.

company drivers avg \$50K, top O/O's up to \$144K. Regional or 48 states. 401K, Medical, dental, life 3yrs. OTR/1yr flatbed. O/O Welcome! 83%wv/your trailer, 77% w/our trailer. Call At 1-88-290-2327. Combined Transport.

DRIVERS. HIRING DRIVERS

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DRIVERS: WHEN IT COMES

to benefits, we've got all the bells and whistles. Paid Weekly, Great Pay. \$1,000 Sign-on bonus. Training Opportunities. SRT 1-877-BIG-PAYDAY (1-877-244-7289) Toll Free.

EXPERIENCED PAINTER

needed. Must have own tools, transportation. Willing to work alone on jobs. Hourly pay and piece work. Call 336-9116.

FIREFIGHTERS TRAINEE

program. Limited openings. Must pass physical. 17-34 with H.S. diploma. Excellent pay, benefits. Paid training/relocation expenses. Special \$5,000 sign-on bonus if you act now! Call 1-800-354-9627.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA

restaurant has openings for part or full-time waitstaff, bus person and hostess. Apply in person, 2913 Sudderth Drive.

HOME MAILERS NEEDED

Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-831-5357 Ext 8400 24hrs

HOUSEKEEPERS WANTED:

full-time, bonus paid. No applications on file. Apply in person, Super 8 Motel, Hwy 70 West.

060 MANUFACTURED HOMES FOR SALE

Ruidoso Properties

257-4075 • 257-9603

\* 277 Paradise Cyn: 3/1 3/4, \$650/\$500

\* 122 Vision: 2-bay, comm. garage/storage, \$300 - owner/agent

Full Service Property Management

070 HOUSES FOR RENT

DON'T WORRY... WE HAVE RENTALS!

HOUSES:

140 N. OAK Unfurnished 2 bedroom 2 bath, \$775 utilities. On market month to month. 100 SARAH LANE Unfurnished 3 bedroom 2 bath, \$1400 utilities. Golf Course view. On market month to month.

CABINS:

216 FIFTH STREET Unfurnished, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with refrigerator and stove, plus a Guest House, \$650 utilities.

106 3RD STREET Unfurnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath cabin. Reduced to \$350 utilities.

APARTMENTS:

111 RIO ARriba #5 Unfurnished, 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath. Fireplace, dishwasher, WD hookup, \$550 per month, includes basic utilities. Available now. NO PETS.

Call Cindy Lic. #278226 or Kathy Lic. #358278

GARY LYDCH REALTY

257-4011

080 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

INSPIRATION HEIGHTS APARTMENTS

MOVE IN SPECIAL

Featuring 1, 2, & 3 bedroom apartments, ranging from \$289-\$427. Rental assistance available and HUD approved. We are an equal housing opportunity complex. Come see us at 130 Sierra Lane, Ruidoso Downs & pick up your application or call Dora at 378-4236 for more information.

380 HELP WANTED

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR

full-time entry level office position. Benefits available. Send resume to PO Box 3240, Ruidoso, NM 86365.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR

Stockers and Checkers. Apply in person at Thriftway, 304 Meoham.

KOKOPELLI a private club is

seeking qualified applicants for waitress, kitchen and bartending positions. Please call 336-1818 X 24 for an appointment.

LOCAL LANDSCAPING Firm

seeking individuals with landscape irrigation & maintenance experience. Apply at Conley's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., E. Hwy 70, 378-4375

NIGHT AUDITOR NEEDED.

Wed-Sat, 11pm-7am. Apply at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 W. Hwy 70.

NOW HIRING DAY & NIGHT

shift, full-time and part-time. Apply in person at Taco Bell, 854 Sudderth.

PART-TIME RANCH WORK

needed in trade for small cabin. Ranch experience helpful. Send resume with three job references to Harris Properties, HC-Box 67, Nogal, NM 88341.

PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME

work available in small manufacturing shop. Starting rate \$8.75/hr. Call 378-4048.

POSTAL JOBS \$48,323 yr

now hiring. No experience, paid training, great benefits. Call for lists, 7 days (800)428-3660 ext. 1115

(P/T) PERSON NEEDED

to collect information for e-commerce site. Internet experience a must. Contact Brad Trepotter, Ruidoso News, 257-4001.

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing

Firm now hiring general laborers, operators, and CDL licensed. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing

Firm now hiring Clerical, waitresses, waiters, cooks, dishwashers, servers. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

SUMMER POSITION available.

Applications are being taken at Bonita Park for summer cook. Call 336-4404.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

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\*\*SEE US ABOUT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES\*\*

260 FARM EQUIPMENT

Ruidoso News

**600 LEGALS**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**  
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
 I, Michele Yarbrough will file for divorce by April 15th, 2000 in Lincoln County Court against my husband Daniel B. Yarbrough. There is no property, money, taxes, insurance, alimony nor children born of this marriage to be considered by the court. If anyone has objections to this proceeding they should contact me before the date listed above.  
 /s/ Michele Yarbrough  
 Date: March 14, 2000  
 2658 1T(3)17,24,31(4)7

**600 LEGALS**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at 5:30pm, on the 10th day of April, 2000, in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, the Village Council will hold a public hearing on the question of whether the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department should approve or disapprove the proposed transfer of ownership of State Liquor Dispenser No. 265/A4239 from Peggy O'Leary & Freda Mae Greenwood, d/b/a Hollywood Inn, Inc., 2239 Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico to GSG, Inc., a New Mexico Corp. d/b/a The New Hollywood Inn, 2239 Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.  
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that all persons are invited to attend and may be heard at such public hearing.  
 Village of Ruidoso Downs  
 Gladys Dillard  
 Village Clerk/Treasurer  
 2678 2T(3)31(4)7

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 By Order of the Planning & Zoning Commission  
 /s/Tim Vega  
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**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
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**ORDINANCE 200-03: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 54 LAND USE, ARTICLE II ZONING, DIVISION 3 DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 92, R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT."**  
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 Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is Friday, March 31, 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2308 (Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett) for complete job description and application. REC IX and LCHS-Ruidoso will be closed for Spring Break March 20-24, 2000. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

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**Deadline:** Positions are to be filled April 15 through May 15, 2000. (Returning employees must contact the respective Department Manager ASAP).

**Information:** For information regarding job qualifications, please call 505-378-4431.

**How to Apply:** Applications are available at the Receptionist Desk located on the 2nd floor of the Executive Offices.  
**Requirements:** Ruidoso Downs Track and Casino positions require licensing by the New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) and/or the New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGC), which will entail a background/criminal record investigation. A mandatory drug screening is required for all new hires. (All employees are subject to mandatory random drug screenings during employment)  
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March 31, 1950

**Lloyd Davis buys the Navajo Lodge**

Purchase of the Navajo Lodge, historic Ruidoso resort hotel, was announced this week by Lloyd L. Davis, former Ruidoso resident and until recently an Abernathy, Texas, farm owner.

The Lodge, started by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boyce in 1924, is familiar to vacationers in Southern New Mexico and most of West Texas....

The property includes six acres of land along the river. It was sold by Mrs. Edith Boyce Rigsby and other members of the Boyce family who held interest.

April 1, 1960

**Lincoln County Fair chartered by state**

Lincoln County Fair Association has been chartered by the State Corporation Commission as a non-profit organization, with incorporators listed as Charles A. Jones, Eleanor L. Jones, Fletcher B. Hall and N. B. Britton.

April 3, 1970

**Mrs. Wilbur Coe to be guest speaker**

Mrs. Wilbur Coe of Glencoe will be the guest speaker for the meeting of the Ruidoso Woman's Club Wednesday next week...

Mrs. Coe, who has recently returned to her home after spending part of the winter in Italy and part in Mexico and visiting several Texas towns promoting her late husband's book, "Ranch on the Ruidoso," is scheduled to speak on "Fly with me for a visit to a newly discovered country high in the Himalaya Mountains."

April 3, 1980

**Elks officers to be installed**

Installation of officers and trustees of Ruidoso Elks Lodge 2086 will be Saturday night...

To be installed are Jerry story, Exalted Ruler; Ed Pennington, Leading Knight; John Sullivan, Loyal Knight; Russ Pulver, Lecturing Knight; Rich Seeley, secretary; Terry Jones, treasurer; Darryle Watkins, Inner Guard; John Percy, Tyler; Way Walker, Chaplain; and, as trustees, Bud Allen and Bill Budens.

April 5, 1990

**The Silver Lining by Daniel Agnew Storm**

The parish hall of the Church of the Holy Mount was the scene of much rejoicing...as folks from all over Lincoln County and the surrounding neighborhood came to honor Ruth Wardlaw, who is retiring after 25 years of service in the office of Dr. Ronald L. Annala...

At last Sunday's service in Saint Anne's Chapel, little four-year-old Ben Coe Sanchez began his career as an acolyte by helping with the collection plate and putting out the candles on the altar.

At this service, the Reverend Ann Gaddy and lay reader Nellie Ruth Jones gave thanks for the birthdays of Dianne Whiteley and Lois Stevens; and for the wedding anniversaries of Ken and Elena Shows and Del and Pat Delhotel.

This is being sent to you the afternoon of April 2, and it is raining all through the Vale. Let us thank God for all our blessings.

A Lincoln matriarch reflects on a time when people along the Bonito started with railroads and wound up with apple orchards



Betty Shrecengost lives in a notable building in Lincoln—once the residence of J. J. Dolan, of Lincoln County War fame.

## Railroads, apple blossoms, and Lincoln County

BY PHILLIP BLAKE  
RUIDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

**L**INCOLN - It was almost 25 years ago and Lincoln was pretty much a ghost town. Some newcomers to the area had been invited to the Shrecengost home for a fried chicken dinner. They arrived on time with no apparent reception, no aromas from the kitchen, and wondered if they'd mistaken the invitation.

The hostess called to her brood, the newcomer's child included, and said something like, "Hurry up and get those chickens ready, it's supper time." The newcomers, on the verge of being indoctrinated to life on the farm, looked out the window at the chickens pecking and scratching in the yard.

Betty Shrecengost is a matriarch of Lincoln. Her home is the old J. J. Dolan residence, prominently stationed in the center of town like a capitol building. Today, through that same kitchen window, Betty is preparing dessert for guests at her Bonito Inn and Coffee House.

Grandchildren and locals pass through to recollect and bide their time as Betty keeps at her tasks. It seems that she will always be, in some form or fashion, watching over this timeless community.

"Can I have fun with this?" she asks.

"Of course."  
"When I first came to Lincoln County, I was so weak, I couldn't raise my head from the pillow. You see I was born about 5 miles east of Lincoln. And although there have been several moves to get rid of me, I keep coming back. And I think probably I'll just stay in the area... it's more fun."

Her great grandfather was Henry Pfingsten. An architect drawn to Bonito City, where Bonito Lake is now, he was in search of gold fields. By about 1931, her mother and father, Ora Manning and Albert Thornton Pfingsten, moved to Hondo, "... where they stayed from then on."

"My family has always been in agriculture."

"The El Paso & Northeastern Railroad wanted to reach the coal deposits that are renowned (not good - just renowned), in the White Oaks and Capitan area. So they built a railroad."

"They bypassed White Oaks and that's another story and I don't know it

so I'm not going to tell it.

"They predicted that Coalora (between Carrizozo and Capitan) and Capitan would eventually become the "Pittsburgh of the West."

"The coal wasn't that good however, and the railroad soon realized that it had water problems. The water in the Tularosa Basin is very, very alkaline. To make a long run with that locomotive you had to pull another one with you that had good water in it. You see, the mineral deposits were so heavy, they had to stop and beat it out before they could fill it up again. So they just sent two locomotives.

"They'd go to spur line, which was there in Capitan. The last remnants of it were torn down at the end of World War II. I don't know when it stopped running... but at one time there was a commuter train that went from Capitan to Carrizozo daily. People, who didn't want to live in Carrizozo but wanted to work there or had business, could get on the train, trot down the hill and do their business.

"Back to water, which is what started this dissertation, ... the railroad company had to find good water somewhere.

"Two gentlemen, one of which was Judge Hawkins who was out of El Paso, Las Cruces, and later La Luz, and Judge Mechem, put together a deal with the railroad companies to put water from Eagle Creek and Bonito over the hill and into the Tularosa Basin.

"They built a gorgeous pipeline and started the water. In order to get this water, the railroad company had to own water rights. In order to get water rights they had to own the land that the water went with."

She begins whisking some ingredients in bowl.

"In about 1907, there had been agreement reached with the Territory's engineer to transport this water by pipe to the Tularosa Basin. Later, it became evident they were going to need still more water. So, the railroad had to acquire more land.

"My grandfather, Fred Pfingsten, was their supervisor and agent. At one time, the railroad company owned all the land that they could buy, from Fort Starlin east to Hondo.

"They bought a lot more water rights than they actually had to have. It was a safety measure. They built

Bonito Dam. I think they finished it in the early '30s. I don't remember. But I do remember wanting to cross it when they were still building it.

"When they did the Bonito Dam, they had to do another pipeline. And at one time, Bonito River, courtesy of Bonito Dam, supplied water for Carrizozo and all the little train stops along the way. It must have been a grand engineering job.

"All this is wonderful, and my grandfather, after he had helped the railroad acquire the land, saw to it that it got farmed properly."

Betty uses a knife to open a box and empties the package into a cake pan.

"There were quite a few apples in this valley back in the teens... most of them small orchards, but some of them very good orchards.

"The people who were selling land with water rights didn't want to stay there with the hill and nothing to do. My grandfather, by virtue of his association with the railroad (which did not want any land particularly except that which had water rights), acquired some of the ranch land around the Bonito area.

"I have the shipping manifest where he shipped carloads of apples somewhere from Capitan. He died in 1935 and my father became supervisor of the Bonito Railroad Company.

"In the 1940s, apples surfaced again and the railroad company planted 400 acres of apples in the Bonito Valley. The trees came from stock burs in Missouri and it was a good business.

"Part of the reason for growing apples is, of course, this is a droughty part of the world. And even though you have water rights, that doesn't assure water in the river enough to take care of your land... apples were a more economic use of the land.

"Through the '40s, '50s, and part of the this was Apple Valley. Ruidoso was also Apple Valley. There were orchards as far down the Hondo River, almost to Riverside. I wager there's not a hundred acres of apple trees left in the three valleys that are producing apples.

"There are a lot of trees," she adds while sprinkling powdered sugar, "and they haven't been pruned for years and they look terrible.

"When the production of apples became very heavy, my Dad and a number of other apple growers built

the White Mountain Apples packing plant at Hondo as a co-op. That didn't work out too well and eventually Dad bought it out.

"The railroad after World War II converted to diesel engines. And they didn't need the water anymore, at least not the same quantity. So, the railroad made it possible for my father to buy their lands in the Bonito Valley. And thanks to apples, good crops, cows and, if I may say so, my mother's frugality; they paid for it ahead of time."

What kinds of apples were grown? "Why red ones and yellow ones," she glares with a smile, "but mostly red ones."

Betty's mother died in 1961 and her father later remarried. After his death in the early '80s, the family borrowed heavily against the land, and the economics of that time worked against them.

A real estate company called Lincoln Valley Land settled the debts, leaving Betty with her home and some monthly annuities. It's a story she would rather forget. "Nobody's to blame, it was just a poor economy, and maybe a little bad luck."

The oven timer rings that it is preheated. And the cake pan goes in. "So much for pumpkin pie crunch," she adds with a decisive nod as she shuts the door.

"So here I am with my house free and clear. No cows, no apples, no land. And my kids, who might have liked to inherit some land, don't get any because there isn't any. And all the mistakes that were made were mine."

She closes her eyes, tilts back her head, and waves her finger in the air, "I did it all by myself, no help!"

"(Through the years) friendship has become very important to me, certain ones of them anyway," she says as pours a cup of coffee.

"And fortunately... true friendship, like cactus, doesn't have to be watered regularly."

And then she walks back across the kitchen to place some dishes in the sink beneath the window. "You don't have to tell them if you have a problem. A real friend can tell without your mentioning it.

"Also fortunately," she turns and thoughtfully leans her hand against the counter, "they've always been there to back me up. Or, if I needed it, to back me down."

## Multiple meetings keeping people in Lincoln on the go

It seems everyone is having meetings. The Pageant group met and started work on the upcoming year's activities.

**LINCOLN TRAILS**



ROSALIE DUNLAP  
RUIDOSO NEWS

An update was given on the history of the pageant. The group shared their papers and other materials that they had in their possession.

Other groups meeting have been the community church (on its repairs and additions), the tourism group, Cruz de Hara ditch, various meetings of the Lincoln State

Monuments and state officials, and the Lincoln County Historical Society Board.

The La Junta Club met at the San Patricio Senior Center Citizens Center last week. The group heard a report on the midyear board meeting held at Albuquerque, and made plans for a cookie sale to be held during Old Lincoln Days. The club welcomed two new members from Ruidoso.

Eight FCE members attended the State FCE mid-year board meeting in Albuquerque last week. Those attending were Lou Turner and her sister Ann, Inez Marrs, Rosalie Dunlap, Phyllis and Yvonne Zumwalt of the La Junta Club, and Betty McCreight and Ginny Burd of Carrizozo.

Lincoln has been busy with students on mid-year break and their visiting parents.

My apologies to Lynn Kidder and Ellen Barone for getting their names mixed up in a recent column.

Several Lincolmites have been under the weather with allergies and colds.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the Pageant history. We still need history of the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Date to remember: April 8. The Lincoln County Historical Society and Lincoln State Monuments will present a discussion by Elvis Fleming on the new

book *Billy Mathews*. The meeting will be held at San Juan's Church from 2 to 4 p.m. A book-signing and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Art Blazer's book, *Santana - War Chief of the Mesqueros*, by his grandfather, Almer Blazer, is available from Art or at the El Paisano in Capitan. The softback is on sale now, with a hardback edition coming out later.

For further information, call (505) 354-2829.

And wasn't that a welcome wet snow we had last week? But then we have had winds the past couple of days, which draws out the moisture so quickly.



# Worship at the church of your choice!

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Apache Indian Assembly of God**  
Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Perroy, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

**First Assembly of God**  
El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m. (Includes children's church); Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

### BAPTIST

**Bent Tree Baptist Church of Alto**  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday: 7 p.m. Mile marker 1, Hwy 220, 3/4 mi. up Airport Rd. Rev. James Crowder, 336-1977.

**First Baptist Church**  
Carrizozo. Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**First Baptist Church**  
420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Continental Breakfast: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study: 11 a.m.; Traditional Worship Service, 5 p.m.; Adult and Children's Discipleship classes, Youth Power Hour: 6 p.m.; Worship Service/Bible Study, Monday: Ladies' Noon Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.; Adult Bible Study, Youth and Children's activities.

**First Baptist Church**  
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Thinks. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

**Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna**  
420 Michem Drive. (Sunshine Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Canto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

**Mescalero Baptist Mission**  
Mescalero. Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

**Ruidoso Baptist Church**  
126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
(south on Highway 48) M. Captain Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; Stonewall Friendship Bible Coffee: Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Awana: Wed. 6-8 p.m. (5 yrs. through 5th grade); Thurs. 7 p.m. Body-Life Fellowship.

### BAHAI FAITH

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Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Church**  
Carrizozo, 649-2853. Father Dave Berg, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**St. Theresa Catholic Church**  
Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

**St. Joseph Apache Mission**  
Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Beit. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**  
Captain - Highway 48. Los Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

**Gateway Church of Christ**  
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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**Church of Jesus Christ LDS**  
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Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

**Church of Jesus Christ LDS**  
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### EPISCOPAL

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit**  
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

**Episcopal Chapel of San Juan**  
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**St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel**  
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**Capitan Foursquare Church**  
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### FULL GOSPEL

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### METHODIST

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**Capitan United Methodist Church**  
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12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-649-2846.

**United Methodist Church Parish**  
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### PENTECOSTAL

**Spirit of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle**  
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### NAZARENE

**Angus Church of the Nazarene**  
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

**First Presbyterian Church**  
101 Sutton Drive (Hwy Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.

**Mountain Ministry United Presbyterian Church**  
Ancho, Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

**Corona Presbyterian Church**  
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### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**Abundant Life Family Church**  
2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

**American Missionary Fellowship**  
Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Women's Bible study: 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

**Calvary Chapel**  
433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

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**Christ Community Fellowship**  
Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church**  
Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

**Cowboy Church**  
Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

**Grace Harvest Church**  
Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

**Living Word Church**  
441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intarcessory prayer noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

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# Mining eco-tourism for profit

The community is pondering ways to enhance the experience of visitors to Ruidoso—and to keep them coming, snow or not

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Eco-tourism may be a way to bring more tourists to the Ruidoso Valley. It could also develop new business opportunities in the area. That's the belief of Joan Zagone, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Earlier this month, a Community Works gathering began looking at ways to better promote the region. The initiative followed a disastrous snow season, with too much emphasis on winter skiing.

"The value of eco-tourism is fabulous," Zagone said. "We have a tendency to focus pretty much on the race track, casinos and the ski hill. We don't need to exclude those, but look beyond."

The executive director said people who visit Ruidoso want to know about other recreational options. She pointed to activities like biking and hiking.

Zagone and others at the Community Works gathering felt eco-tourism, touting the area's outdoors and related activities, may provide additional visitor appeal.

Add to that the possibility of creating some new businesses,

geared to the great outdoors.

"I think so, absolutely," Zagone said of not just the promotional aspect of eco-tourism, but also the chance for new business.

"We could talk about rentals, selling of equipment, the repairs that would come along," she said of one aspect of eco-tourism, mountain biking. Fishing the streams in the region opens need opportunities as well.

"There was the idea of camps being established in the area too," Zagone said. "Retreats are big. Corporate retreats. A lot of those are based on recreational environments."

Ruidoso ski shop owner and operator Ron Anderson believes eco-tourism could work to better promote the region, and might eventually lead to new business niches.

His ski rental business did, in the past, offer bicycle rentals. Anderson said some governmental agreements would be needed to make cycling a part of the area's eco-tourism.

"We would have to start at the top," Anderson said. "Our land isn't at all flat. You have to be in really good shape to bicycle up the mountain."

That would require the Forest Service and Mescalero Apache Tribe to open some of their lands for trails, Anderson said. He noted that cyclists want to get off road onto bike trails, and not just coast down the mountain along a roadway.

"I would like to keep this business open year round," Anderson said. "I did when I had bicycles. But I didn't make any money."

Anderson said the cycling aspect of eco-tourism would take some time to develop, especially to establish trails.

One business that already fits well into the eco-tourism mold is Lincoln County Gold Mining Company.

"We do recreational gold mining," said Tom Deal, owner of the business.

"It's not uncommon to get a little gold," he said. "They (gold diggers) have a lot of fun with it."

Deal said more than 400 children are signed up for gold searching expeditions in the summer months. Deal's company appeals to families and children.

"It teaches a little geology and history, and they have fun," Deal said of the experience his firm offers.

A facet of the outdoor experience that Lester Masurek thinks would take little time to put together is nature activities for youngsters.

"Many people are coming to Ruidoso with their children, Masurek said. "Let's do something for them, and give the parents, the whole family, a reason to come to Ruidoso."

Masurek, who along with his wife, Irena, owns the Village Lodge, said eco-tourism means being able to enjoy the beauty of nature.

"We're a green island in the New Mexico desert," he said. "So let's do something with this beauty."

Masurek envisioned establishing camps for children, giving them a vacation they would enjoy while parents take in the other features of the region. It could be as simple as groupings of tents with camping extras like a camp fire, or bunk houses in a camp community.

"I can put my hat on it," the lodge owner said. "The youngsters would love it."

"In addition to camps, Masurek believes some of the ranchers in the area could open their spreads to children and adults.

"Let's talk to these people (ranchers)," Masurek said. "Get the young people there, involved with the animals, and even do some of the basic work. It would be an incredible experience for kids."

He added that perhaps some ranches would open up to "heritage lodging," letting children be a part of a ranch operation.

"It's eco-tourism," Masurek said. "The smell of a campfire or milking a cow. It could bring kids and adults together."

Recalling his Eastern European roots, Masurek said eco-tourism is huge in that part of the world. He pointed especially to hiking, camping and fishing, all nature activities that the southern Sacramento Mountains offer.

"We have a chance to fuel a feel for eco-tourism," Masurek said.

The lodge owner said those involved in boy and girl scouting could be tapped initially to get the idea rolling. And, as others noted, with the success of eco-tourism, businesses could flourish.

"We need people with enough spirit to go for it, and discover they could make some money," Masurek said of plans to tuck the Ruidoso area's horn beyond the casinos and horse racing.



Tom Deal, owner of Lincoln County Gold Mining Company, said his tourist-oriented operation fits well into the eco-tourism theme. "It teaches a little geology and history and they have fun," Deal said.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### State labor, wage seminars available

In an effort to help employers in New Mexico, the Wage and Hour Bureau of the New Mexico Department of Labor provides seminars on state labor laws and the Minimum Wage Act. The seminars are available to employers, trade associations, labor unions, and secondary schools. They are available at no cost.

For information on how to host a labor law seminar contact David A. Rivera, Labor Law Administrator, 501 Mountain Road N.E., Albuquerque, NM, 87102, or call Rivera at (505) 841-8986.

### Prudential honors firm

A Ruidoso real estate office has been named one of leading offices in North America. Prudential Lela Easter has been recognized with the Cornerstone Award for 1999. The award was presented during the Prudential Real Estate's International Business Conference.

"Aligning with Prudential Real Estate has allowed us to attach ourselves to a winning culture and has given us the tools and systems that enable us to compete in today's progressive business environment, and emerge a winner," said Glen Crane, president of Prudential Lela Easter.

The Ruidoso office has 14 sales associates.

### Development board meeting in April

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments will hold a quarterly board meeting on April 14.

The 10 a.m. meeting will be at the Best Western Sally Port Inn, 2000 N. Main Street, Roswell.

The meeting will include a legislative review and an update on the Workforce Development Board.

For more information, the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development's executive director may be reached at (505) 624-6131.

### County unemployment rate low during 1999

Lincoln County's annual unemployment rate for 1999 was 4.1 percent, according to figures released by the New Mexico Department of Labor. The county's civilian labor force was 7,299 for the year.

An estimated 7,000 of the labor pool was employed.

The 1999 jobless rate was an improvement from 1998's rate of 4.8 percent in the county.

Statewide, the 1999 unemployment rate last year was 5.6 percent, compared to 6.2 percent in 1998.

### GTE rate review due

SANTA FE — The Public Regulation Commission will review GTE Corp. rates, a step toward implementing a new telecommunications law.

The review is intended to find any subsidies built into the firm's rates that lead to lower charges for some customers through higher bills for others.

Any subsidies found would be eliminated, and a state rural service fund would provide money to keep rural rates low. Recommendations are due by July 1.

## Valor Telecommunications adds executives, prepares for start-up

Valor Telecommunications, the new company that will take over GTE phone lines in the Ruidoso area, as well as in parts of three other states later this year, has filled several top posts in New Mexico.

D.F. (Duffy) Swan will join the firm as vice president, New Mexico. Prior to his retirement in 1997 Swan spent more than 30 years at US West in a variety of senior management positions.

Bill Garcia has been hired to fill the position of director of regulatory affairs for New Mexico. Garcia joins Valor after serving as an attorney for Public Service Company of New Mexico, an electric

and gas utility. Garcia had also served with the New Mexico Public Utility Commission.

Valor has indicated it plans to start operating in New Mexico on Sept. 1.

## Fed pushing an economic slowdown this year

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Most forecasters, including the Federal Reserve, expect an economic slowdown this year.

First, there were several temporary factors leading to the lofty level of economic growth toward the end of 1999, including government disaster payments for a hurricane and farm problems, union signing bonuses, unseasonably warm weather boosting construction, stockpiling for Y2K, the bunching of federal government purchases, etc.

Most of these will not be repeated this year. Only capital spending for computer hardware and software, which were put on hold late last year as part of the Y2K preparation, is likely to rebound.

Second, Chairman Alan Greenspan is in the process of mopping up liquidity by raising interest rates. Both short- and long-term interest rates are going higher raising borrowing costs for consumers and businesses.

Third, the stock market, "a canary in the coal mine," is another reason. A meaningful economic slowdown is not possible without a sustained correction of equities; interest rates will rise high enough to ensure a sustained correction in stocks.

Fourth, inflation will erode consumer purchasing power.

Finally, slower sales of consumer and business goods will reduce the need for inventories.

Then, economic growth should slow to 3.0 to 3.5 percent this year from 4.5 percent in 1999 (using 4th quarter over 4th quarter).

Without an economic slowdown, economic imbalances could worsen.

There are labor shortages from sea to shining sea. Tighter labor markets will mean squeezed margins for businesses, lower corporate profits and higher prices. Already, consumer debt burden is at a record high.

Corporate leverages are at lofty levels and the U.S. current account deficit is approaching a dangerous level, presaging a weaker dollar, more inflation and higher interest rates.

### Ouch! A tax increase

Most economists see more inflation ahead. A tighter labor market and the expected slowdown in productivity gains are some of the reasons for higher labor costs. Productivity has secular and cyclical components.

Investments in information technology and capital deepening support the secular trend; hopefully this trend will continue. Cyclically, sharp productivity gains following rapid eco-

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businesses hire more workers and the skill levels of new hire dip resulting in higher labor costs.

Higher oil prices are also seeping into the rest of the economy. The price of crude oil jumped in 1999 as OPEC and several other oil exporting countries reduced supply, and at the same time, the recovery of the Asian economies increased demand growth. As crude oil prices rose faster than refined product prices, margins declined. The squeeze on margins on top of high crude oil prices encouraged refiners around the world to constrain crude oil purchases, restrict product production, and draw down inventory to meet demand. Even if OPEC raises production as expected, oil prices could remain high for several months. It will take months for more supplies to reach here. In addition, tight inventories and low margins of refined products imply that the prices will remain high for a while.

The best news on inflation is behind us. Inflation as measured should accelerate to about 3.0 percent this year from 2.6 percent in 1999 and 1.5 percent in 1998.

### Federal Reserve questions

One of the key uncertain-

ties is the future course of productivity gains. Productivity gains may not be as healthy as they have been. Then, economic growth would have to slow or inflation will accelerate.

Chairman Greenspan advanced a hypothesis that productivity gains add more to excess demand than supply making the labor market tighter. In this thesis, higher productivity raises the expected profitability of businesses boosting stock prices. Consumption goes up through the wealth effect. Higher productivity also leads to increased real wages, further boosting spending. Lower cost of capital encourages business capital spending. In the meantime, the supply side is constrained by labor shortages.

But everyone does not accept this scenario. Some economists argue that productivity adds more to supply than to demand; the recent economic events tend to support this view.

What is the Federal Reserve to do? Uncertainties abound, forcing the central bank to pursue "slow motion monetary policy." Chairman Greenspan will keep hiking interest rates until the straw that breaks camel's back is reached. The economy is not there yet. Expect at least a couple of more hikes in interest rates this year.

# Bingaman seeks Byway funding

A local effort to upgrade the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway has wound its way to Washington D.C.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico has requested federal funding for new signs, a kiosk and restrooms at a hiking and horse-riding trailhead near Lincoln, along the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway. Bingaman's request totals \$170,000.

Earlier this year the Southeastern New Mexico Regional Planning Organization proposed byway improvements, as part of the state's highway planning process. Those improvements totaled \$212,500. The requested federal funding would represent 80 percent of the project's costs.

A February breakdown of the project costs had placed

new byway signs at \$50,000 and a trailhead kiosk at \$37,500.

The signs would designate where Billy the Kid fought in the Lincoln County War and where he killed two deputies as he made his final escape.

Other components included a Billy the Kid interpretative plan and a Lincoln building preservation project.

The Billy the Kid Scenic Byway is a loop drive connecting Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso, Capitan, Lincoln and Hondo, with an alternative route that includes Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and historic Fort Stanton.

An interpretive center describing the byway is adjacent to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

# Two wolf packs to be re-released in Gila Wilderness

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The first Mexican gray wolves being readied for release into the Gila Wilderness Area in New Mexico were captured Thursday from their temporary holding area on acreage near Albuquerque.

Vicki Fox, point person for the wolf release project for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said snow storms interfered with the proposed timing of the project, but employees were able to build a soft mesh, low impact temporary wolf acclimation pen by late last week.

The work is part of a planned relocation of two wolf packs previously released into the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona. The packs were accused of attacking livestock. To reduce the chances of future interaction with humans and livestock, they are being moved to the Gila.

The first group, called the Mule Pack, was captured last week and taken to the acclimation pen, Fox said. The pack consists of two pups, a male and a pregnant female.

A second pack, the Pipe Stem Pack, probably will be moved to the area next week, she said.

They will be kept in acclimation pens for up to 30 days. After their release, their movements will be monitored by an interagency field team, Fox said.

The packs were recaptured late last year and earlier this year. Both groups have pregnant females, Fox said. Relocation before denning and whelping promotes wild behavior of pups and increases the likelihood the wolves will remain near the release site, she said.

The Gila was chosen because it contains extensive areas that are roadless, free from human habitation, and without active cattle grazing

allotments, Fox said. The Gila and the Apache national forests are part of the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, identified as the prime release area for wolves. White Sands Missile Range is considered a secondary back-up site for future releases.

The relocation was approved after the Service's intent to prepare an environmental assessment on the effects of such a relocation was distributed to about 1,000 interested members of the public. Town meetings were conducted and copies of the environmental assessment were mailed to 718 people, Fox said. Two hearings earlier this month were attended by 850 people.

"To date, the Service received more than 9,000 comments from the public," Fox said. "Each comment has been considered and included in the administrative record. Many strong opinions were

voiced both for and against wolf recovery efforts. But the public participation process was not a referendum or a vote. The process is part of the Service's intent to learn of any additional effects of the proposed action not already covered in the (assessment)."

"We appreciate the participation in this issue," said Nancy Kaufman, Southwest Regional Director for the Fish and Wildlife Service. "We are confident that having the flexibility to translocate wolves to the Gila Wilderness will enhance recovery of this magnificent native species and help to minimize management conflicts."

The Service has the authority through the Experimental Population Rule to move previously reintroduced wolf packs from the primary to other approved areas for management purposes, Fox said.

Two other packs remain in their original release areas.



James Kalvelage/Ruidoso News

Thomas Chavez, Ruidoso code enforcement officer, sifts through an estimated nine to ten yards of construction debris, dumped illegally on the village's south side.

# 'Major' illegal dumping near Grindstone results in citation

BY JAMES KALVELAGE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso code enforcement officials arrested a Ruidoso Downs man for illegally disposing of dump truck loads of debris near a village stream.

Victor H. Montes, 49, was cited for illegal dumping, after an anonymous tip was called into the village about recently deposited construction and demolition materials.

"It's one of the biggest in three to four years," Thomas Chavez, Ruidoso code enforcement officer, said Monday. He estimated the debris measured almost 10 cubic yards.

The construction debris was discovered by a hiker, along an old logging road that runs parallel and just to the south of Grindstone Canyon Road, Chavez said.

Chavez said the same day the trash was reported, March 15, the case had been wrapped up and a citation issued to the offender. Items in the debris identified their

origin, he said. The investigation found Montes had been hired to dispose of the materials.

"We're not going to tolerate this in our town," Chavez said. "There are people out there watching for this kind of stuff."

The code enforcement officer said Montes admitted dumping "three or four dump truck loads" at the location along a hill leading to a stream that flows from Grindstone Lake.

Montes, who pleaded guilty last week before Municipal Judge Michael Line, is scheduled for sentencing on April 5.

According to the citation, Montes could receive a fine of \$50 to \$500, and be sentenced to up to 90 days in jail. He would also be required to clean up the site, Chavez said.

"I'd like to see him do some community service work, something with the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful campaign," Chavez said.

While illegal dumping occurs about once a month in Ruidoso, Chavez said, cases in recent years "have been nothing like this."

# Mediation classes slated at ENMU-Ruidoso

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With all the conflict going on "out there," attorney Sue Martines said she's confident there will be enough to go around for the mediators she trains in her certification courses at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

"It's really a skill that's marketable across limitless disciplines, because there's such a demand for conflict-resolution skills in pretty much any field," Martines said.

Martines will teach a conflict-mediation course at the Ruidoso Instructional Center of ENMU through Community Education. The classes run two weekends, April 7-9 and 14-16, 1:30-6 p.m. Fridays; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. Saturdays; and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays. Registrations will be accepted through April 5.

The 40-hour seminar is modeled after the program at the University of New Mexico Law School in Albuquerque and includes role-plays, lecture, videos, guest speakers and games.

Last year one of her guest speakers was Luis Miguel Diaz, Ph.D., of Mexico City

working with the U.S.-Mexico Conflict Resolution Center in Las Cruces. Another was Carolyn Lumbar, alternative dispute resolution coordinator for the Third Judicial District Court in Las Cruces, who talked about pilot mediation regarding water rights in Las Cruces.

In the past, mediation students have included teachers, realtors, paralegals, attorneys, mothers, social workers, counselors and business people, she said. The course is approved for continuing legal education credits and Martines said it's possible to get approval in other disciplines.

A one-credit class is offered two consecutive weekends in June for educators to review lesson plans and develop some of their own, incorporating conflict resolution and mediation skills. Students in this class will also develop a portable project that they can take back into their classrooms.

The state of New Mexico does not yet license mediators, Martines said, but the 40-hour course is the minimum of what is expected for mediators in the field.

"There's no state-recognized certificate or licensing for mediators yet, but there is some movement toward that

and in other states they do have it," she said. "I feel pretty confident that if they regulate mediators, this is part of what they'll expect."

Martines conducted mediations at the University of New Mexico School of Law and was the first law student to complete an "externship" in mediation. Her training comes from that institution, the New Mexico Center for Dispute Resolution, the Mediation Alliance and Decision Resources, and Center for Dispute Resolution in Boulder, Colo.

As deputy city attorney in Alamogordo, Martines set up an award-winning mediation program for the municipal court, as well as a personnel mediation program.

Now, owner of Mediation Associates of Southern New Mexico, she mediates divorce, child custody, employment, criminal, land-use and small-claims, and facilitates meetings and trainings to businesses. She also teaches alternative dispute resolution theory at New Mexico State University in Alamogordo and is a contract trainer in the "Mediation-in-the-Schools" programs.

To register or for more information, call ENMU at 257-2120.

# Park project volunteers sought

Volunteers can spend two days at Ute State Park north of Tucumcari helping improve trails by spreading crusher fines and doing other projects.

Organized by the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors, the weekend of April 8-9 offers a way to get some exercise and benefit the park system, said project leader Gene Barrett.

Volunteers will camp at Logan Park, close to the work site. The camping area has restrooms, showers, tables,

shelters, fire rings, and barbecue pits.

Ute Lake also is a good fishing spot, Barrett said. The NMVO will supply the Saturday evening meal.

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Courtesy

ALBORADA, a family of musicians performs Central and South American music for Ruidoso Community Concerts Monday. They are, from left, director Milo Batista, Jhoanna Batista, Lourdes Batista, Paul Batista, and Jose Serrano.

# icha-cha-cha!

by Sandy Suggitt  
VAMOS EDITOR

**A**ndean music comes to Ruidoso Monday with "Alborada," the last of the Ruidoso Community Concerts for the season.

Alborada, which means "dawn" or "first light," is a traveling musical family from Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico dedicated to keeping alive the music of the Andean cultures — and adding their own punch to it, as well as original compositions of their director, Milo Batista. Batista toured the U.S. for 14 years as musical director of Khenany, which has performed at the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Before that he was band director in schools in Ciudad Obregon and directed a band called "Generations" that changed each year with different groups of stu-

dents. Two years ago, Batista left Khenany and started Alborada with his family. Since then, the five musicians have been putting in close to 20,000 miles a year touring in the United States. His children have been listening to music all their lives. Jhoanna, 8, plays six instruments, and has been playing music since she was 4. Paul, 12, plays strings, wind, and percussion and has been playing since he was 3. Batista's wife, Lourdes, plays strings and percussions, and his nephew, Jose Serrano, plays percussion, wind, and strings. All of

them sing and dance. The concert will include world music and some original compositions of Batista, and audiences will watch the versatile family members trade instruments around, sometimes in the middle of a song. The five performers will also play percussions indigenous to pre-Colombian America such as the cha cha, which is made from the toenail of the llama, and a rainstick from Mexico made from a long bamboo shoot. The highland music from Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador forms the basis of Andean folk music, and through it the Inca people recounted events and stories. Alborada will also play the cuatro which is the national guitar of Venezuela, and many different Aztec flutes including the kena, a cane flute, the charango, a small guitar made of armadillo shell, the bombo, a big drum from Argentina, and sikus, which are traditional flutes from the Andes. "We add a little more rhythm (to the traditional music)," Batista

said. "We kind of dance, and ours is a little more up-tempo. We yell, we just enjoy the music. We put our own accent to it and try to develop the rich musical language ... to show that culture can permeate every sensibility. "I'm trying to do timeless and contemporary music and rhythm," he said. "We choose to let our soul go; it's really important to do quality work that fills our feelings ... and to try to make others feel good and keep alive the music of the Andean cultures." Alborada released their first album in 1998, consciously taking part in a revival of Andean music. "We feel responsible for sharing our culture with all the world because we are part of the world, and at the same time we are learning from all the cultures and have a great opportunity to meet people and places," Batista said. They visit two or three cities daily, and at the same time, are homeschooling the children.

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# Q&A

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**Q: What do you like most about "A Thousand and One Nights" ?**

A: It's for all audiences and it's also a great combination of music, art, choreography and design. It is a real show with flying carpets, special effects and lights.

**Q: How long does it take to put a production like this together?**

A: About six months to create, one to two months on choreography, six more months to design, three weeks to polish with a few other technical issues as well. In all it takes anywhere between two and three years.

**Q: What do you take into consideration when recruiting dancers?**

A: The technical level and dedication. They have to feel the ballet as part of them and not just as

a hobby, and then show it in their dancing.

**Q: What can we expect from you in the future?**

A: We have a five-year plan made out right now which consists of "The Nutcracker," "Cinderella," "The Three Musketeers," "Don Quixote," and much more.

**Q: Is this show just for ballet lovers?**

A: You don't have to know about ballet to enjoy it. Come and see it for yourself and then decide if you like it or not. There are some productions that are so in depth and the audience struggles to figure it out and they don't end up enjoying the show. I don't want to hear people say they don't understand this one because it is easy to understand.

So instead of trying to understand the show, enjoy it.

## CHA-CHA-CHA

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"Every day is a new opportunity for us to be in the world and share all that we can and all that we can play and we feel really good about it," Batista said.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Monday, and for those who do not have season tickets; admission for this concert is \$10 at the First Christian Church on Hull Road. Season tickets for the 2000-2001 season of Community Concerts will be available also.



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## Friday, March 31

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## Friday, April 7

**Kindergarten registration & screening**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tularosa Elementary auditorium.

**"Three Little Pigs"**  
7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. Call 336-4800 for more information.

**Registration and Screening**  
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**Ninth Albuquerque Antiquarian Book Fair**  
5-9 p.m. at UNM's Continuing Education Center, 1634 University Blvd., north of Indian School Road.

**"Into the Woods" at the Flickinger Center**  
7:30 p.m., presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre. Tickets are \$7 and available at the Flickinger Center, Sharp as a Tack and Holloman's Rec or visit [www.zianet.com/amt](http://www.zianet.com/amt).

## Saturday, April 1

**ZIA Detachment #850, Marine Corps League**  
10:30 a.m. monthly meeting at Capitan Senior Citizen Center on Yard Road in Capitan. For information call June Cady at 434-4772 or Bob Stephens at 354-2329.

**"A Thousand & One Nights"**  
2:00 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. 336-4800.

**Open House**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library.

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## Sunday, April 2

**Henriette Wyeth Memorial High School Art Show & Competition**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at the Hubbard Museum through April 9.

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**Lincoln County Literacy Council Tutor**  
Register for tutor training to be held Sunday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Lincoln County Works office. All training and materials are free. Contact Betty Hambrick at the Literacy Council 630-8181 or 800-934-3668.

**Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program**  
Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

## Monday, April 3

**Alborada-Central and South America Community Concert.** For more information call 336-4156.

## Tuesday, April 4

**Kindergarten registration and screening**  
10 a.m.-12 noon at the Corona Municipal Schools library.

## Wednesday, April 5

**Empower Yourself Introduction Seminar**  
6:30-9 p.m. \$10, Nogal Studio, call Eastern New Mexico University, 275-2120.

## Thursday, April 6

**Ruidoso Book Review & Discussion Group**  
10 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Sue Macfarlane (with Sandi Aycock) will review "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden

**High Mesa Healing Center Openhouse**  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 101 Mader Lane, Alto, 336-4808, free services.



CHEL (Rosie Perez) intercedes for Tulio and Miguel with the Chief (Edward James Olmos) in Dreamworks' "The Road To El Dorado." Courtesy Paramount Pictures

**Movie Time**  
Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). Children's movies rated G or PG. 258-3704

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## Exhibits & Receptions

**4th Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival**  
Hubbard Museum of the American West. March 26 through April 9. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 378-4142.

**Chamber Artist of the Month**  
Painter Julie Thigpen will exhibit work at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive. Sudderth through April 15. 257-7395.

**The Free Spirits Juried Fine & Decorative Art Show and Sale**  
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**Homeschooling Art Show**  
Lobby of the Golden Library March 17 through April 21 in Portales. (505) 562-2787.

**Ocean of Meaning Revealed in Poetry of Physical Objects**  
Opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. Exhibit runs through June 25. (505) 476-5058 or (505) 476-5001.

## Movies

**Serra Cinema, 721 Mechem Drive, 257-9444**

**Erin Brockovich**  
Drama  
Rated R for language  
Starring: Julia Roberts, Marg Helgenberger, Aaron Eckhart, Scotty Leavenworth and Albert Finney  
Directed by Steven Soderbergh  
Produced by Danny De Vito, Michael Shamberg and Stacey Sher  
Written by Richard LaGravenese and Susannah Grant  
In a world where heroes are often in short

supply, the story of Erin Brockovich is an inspirational reminder of the power of the human spirit... Erin Brockovich is a stirring, funny and unconventional drama based on true events, starring two-time Academy Award® nominee Julia Roberts as the twice-divorced mother of three young children who sees an injustice, takes on the bad guy and wins. With no money, no job and no prospects on the horizon, Erin Brockovich is a woman in a tight spot. After a car accident in which Erin is not at fault, she finds herself even worse off when her attorney fails to land her any kind of settlement. With nowhere else to turn, Erin pleads with her attorney Ed Masry to hire her at his law firm. It is there, while working, that Erin stumbles upon some medical records placed in real estate files. Confused, she begins to question the connection. She convinces Ed to allow her to investigate, where she discovers a cover-up involving contaminated water in a local community which is causing devastating illnesses among its residents. Going door to door, she signs up over 600 plaintiffs, and Erin and Ed, with the help of a major law firm, go on to receive the largest settlement ever paid in a direct-action lawsuit in U.S. history...\$333 million.

**The Skulls**  
Rated PG-13 for violence and brief sexuality.  
Starring: Joshua Jackson, Craig T Nelson, Paul Walker, Hill Harper, Steve Harris.  
Directed by Rob Cohen.  
Produced by Christopher Ball, Neil Moritz and John Pogue.  
Written by John Pogue.

Distributor: Universal Pictures  
For Luke McNamara an invitation to join the prestigious secret college organization, The Skulls, is a dream come true. Unlike many of his New Haven classmates, Luke gained admission to the ivy covered halls of learning through hard work and the crushing burden of student loans. And he knows it will take much more than good grades and being captain of the school's championship varsity crew team to secure a spot in a top law school. It's going to take a great deal of money and recommendations from prominent alumni—neither of which are at his disposal, despite his outstanding grades and years of sacrifice. His growing affection for his close friend Chloe is tempered by the realization that he can never hope to be accepted by her upper-crust family. Then, overnight, Luke's fortunes change when he is "tapped" for entry into the highly selective secret society known as The Skulls. Acceptance into the Skulls would ensure Luke a place at the table, and guarantee him both the financial means and the connections to make it into law school. Only by entering that exclusive world can he ever hope to woo Chloe and win her family's approval. But not everyone shares Luke's rosy view of the organization, least of all his

best friend and roommate Will Beckford, an enterprising journalism major who casts a cold eye on The Skulls. "If it's secret and it's elite, it can't be good," Will cautions. As part of his initiation, Luke and the other members of the senior class who have been tapped for admission must partake in a series of traditional rituals to test their loyalty, honesty and strength of character. Those who succeed will be rewarded with brotherhood, influence and money. Just when it seems that everything in Luke's life is finally going right, it all goes horribly wrong. Unbeknownst to Luke, his friend Will has also decided to make a name for himself, as a journalist, by infiltrating The Skulls' inner sanctum and writing an expose of their prized secret rituals. When Will commits suicide under suspicious circumstances, Luke comes to realize just how powerful The Skulls organization really is. And he learns that the truth, like success, comes at a very high price.

**The Road to El Dorado**  
Comedy  
Rated PG for mild thematic material and language.

Starring: Kevin Kline, Armand Assante, Kenneth Branagh, Edward James Olmos and Rosie Perez Directed by Don Paul and Eric Bergeron.

Produced by Penney Finkelman Cox, Sandra Rabins, Brooke Breton and Bonne Radford. Written by Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio.

Tulio and Miguel, a pair of two-bit con men, believe they have found their path to fortune and glory when they win a map to El Dorado, the legendary City of Gold. There's only one problem they've wound up locked in the brig on a ship of the Spanish explorer Cortes. After a daring escape, with the help of a clever war horse named Altivo, they manage to stumble onto El Dorado only to find their troubles are just beginning. The High Priest Tzekel-Kan proclaims them to be gods, plotting to use their fortuitous arrival to take power from the Chief. To sustain the ruse and get the gold, Tulio and Miguel must enlist the aid of the beautiful native Chel, who matches them con-for-con. But time is running out, and even as they fulfill their dreams of gold, their friendship and the very fate of El Dorado hang in the balance.

## Music

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# Art aspirations

story and photos by Dianna Stallings  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



*For Jasmyne Amezcua, thinking about her art work hanging around the corner from lithographs of oils by the late Henriette Wyeth carries a special thrill.*

The tenth-grader at Ruidoso High School hopes for a career in graphic arts or interior design and has been drawing since she was in fifth grade.

Her pencil sketch of a woman with long, flowing curly hair won first place in a high school competition art show at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Besides Ruidoso, work for the Fourth Annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Festival was submitted from Capitan, Cloudcroft and Camp Sierra Blanca.

"I just thought everyone in the show was a winner by virtue of entering," said Hubbard fine-arts coordinator Evelyn Copeland. "Judge Bob LaCouture of LaCouture Fine Arts had a very difficult time."

Students of Karen Reeder, long-time art teacher at Ruidoso High, won first through fourth place and several more garnered honorable mentions, as did students from Capitan under art teachers Jerry Rice and Franci Bergener.

Alma Enriquez, a twelfth-grader whose scratchboard of a flower won third place, described Reeder as a teacher who

inspires her students to be creative and to try new things. "She's always helping out and the room is so creatively decorated, it makes us more creative in our thoughts," she said.

Matt Locke, a senior who moved to Ruidoso in January and won second place in the show, took three years of art in Roswell. But since he arrived, Reeder has prodded him to depart from his comfortable territory of color pencils and computer graphics, to stretch into oils and other mediums.

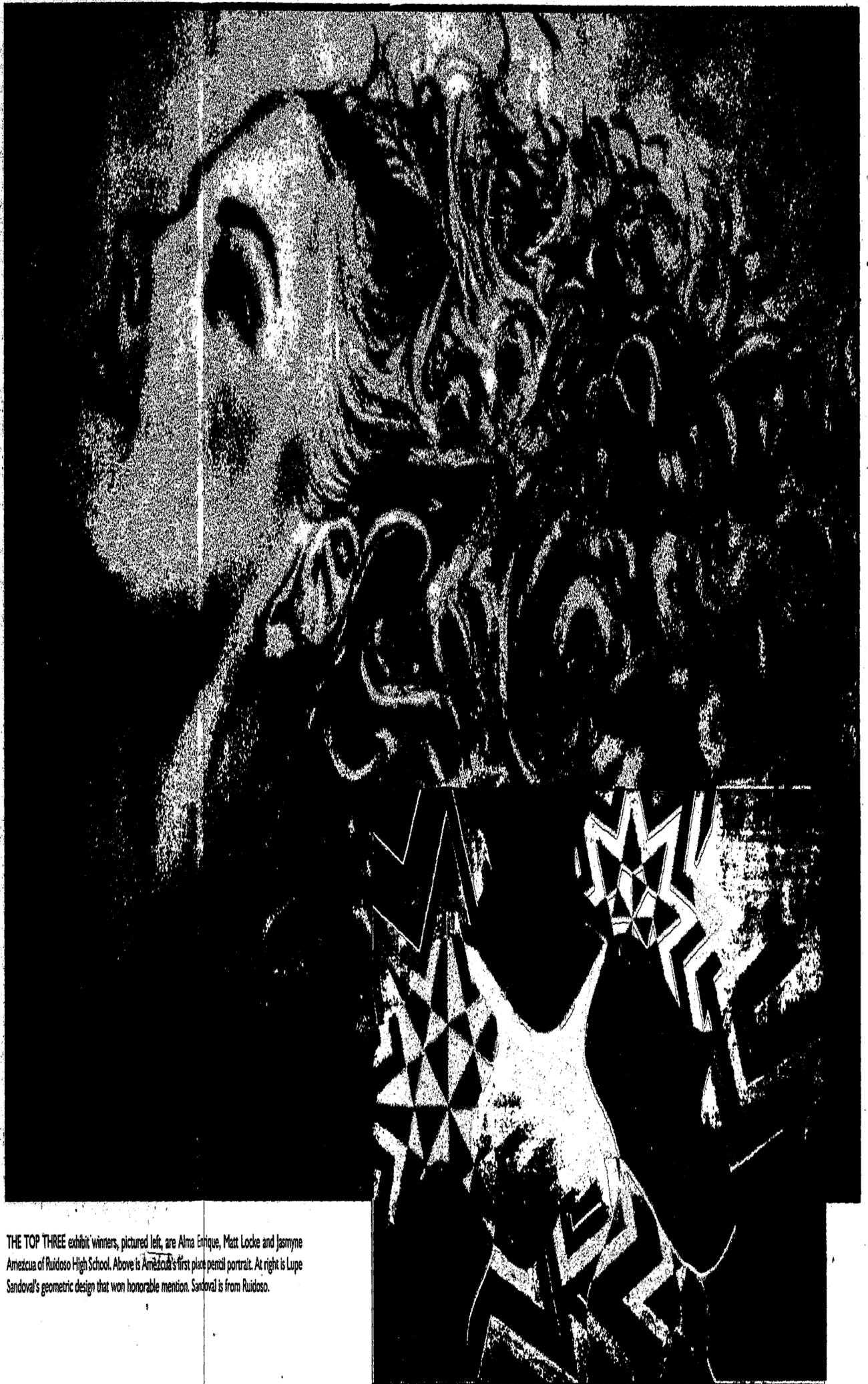
Even if he sees his future in computer animation, the mental exercise and experience will help, Reeder said.

She teaches six art classes this year in grades ninth through twelfth. Work for shows is selected from projects completed throughout the year, she said.

"It's open to everyone, but I try to pick the best work to submit," Reeder said.

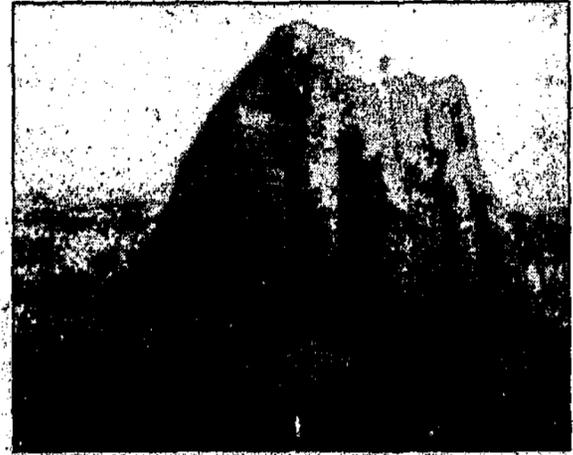
Students have to be interested enough to pay for the mat-

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THE TOP THREE exhibit winners, pictured left, are Alma Enriquez, Matt Locke and Jasmyne Amezcua of Ruidoso High School. Above is Amezcua's first place pencil portrait. At right is Lupe Sandoval's geometric design that won honorable mention. Sandoval is from Ruidoso.

## EYE ON THE ARTS



Sandy Suggitt

"When the Mail Was Delivered Fast," painting by Bob Reynierson, which will be used as the poster for this year's Pony Express Trail Ride.

## Pony Express Trail Ride

White Oaks artist Bob Reynierson was the poster-contest winner for the Pony Express Trail Ride 2000, Aug. 4-6. These posters will be used for advertising the event and will also be on sale in White Oaks.

A special committee of the Sheriff's Posse plans the 32nd year of carrying mail by pony express from White Oaks to Lincoln.

Jim Tharp, chairman of the trail ride, said he and Terese Ray are blazing new trails so those "who don't feel like falling off anymore" won't.

Rustic Roots from Capitan will cook from scratch for the three-day, two-night outing, and participants can bring tents or campers. Vehicles of participants will be moved for them.

Tharp said participants will deliver the mail to the postmaster and then ride in the Lincoln parade.

For a ride application, contact Tharp at 354-3028.



Courtesy

Children working at Jane Terrel's stone art carving workshop March 11 at the Hubbard Museum Of the American West.

## The Gallery

Retiree Colonel James Thompson of the New Mexico Military Institute will be the guest artist at The Gallery, 107 E. 5th Street in Roswell all month long. After beginning the art program in NMMI in 1968 he expanded it to include painting, drawing, art history, design, ceramics, weaving, jewelry making and stained glass. In 1994 he won the award for Excellence in Art Education. He paints realistic landscapes and prefers using oil. An open house reception for him is scheduled for 1-4 p.m., Sunday, April 9. The public is invited. For more information call (505) 625-5263.

## Society

107 E. 5th St., Roswell, 625-5263

A co-op gallery that is open from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, and has a reception for artists the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m.

## Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic-themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

## Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.

Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpturing studio to the public, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

## Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4492

Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, or by appt.

## The Tree's House

Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 97/0, Nogal, 354-4206.

The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

## Unique Creations

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## Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.

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## White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.

Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for gallery hours.

## White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985.

From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Potos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Adobe, The

2905 Sudderth Drive, 257,5795, 257-4499 (residence).

Upscale and unusual silver jewelry, metal works, accessories, paintings, pottery, hardwood items by local artisans and crafters.

## Art and Artifact

107 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 354-2316.

A contemporary gallery featuring fine art and rare, unusual objects for collectors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

## Bellas Artes Gallery

No. 15 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, (877) 630-8606

Featuring the sophisticated art of Manuel Lopez Cia.

## Benson Fine Art

Off Hwy. 70, San Patricio, 653-4081

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## California Colors

201 Country Club Rd., Ruidoso, 257-9011

Barbara Deihl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

## Cruces Art Bronze

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## Expressions in Bronze

2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3790

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## Fruit of the Trees

Hwy 380 bet. mile marker 95 and 96, 653-4699

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2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977

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Michael Hurd's latest works plus works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

## The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

546 Sudderth, 257-1056.

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Hwy. 380, Lincoln, 653-4372.

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2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748

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## Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.

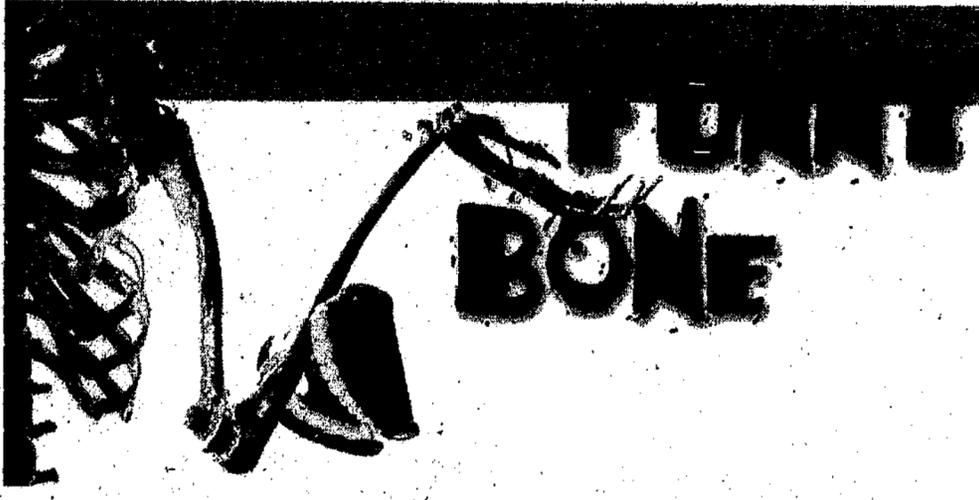
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# Who won the primaries? Dad was busy elsewhere



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Today, I'd like to share with you my thoughts on the presidential campaign. Unfortunately, I don't have any, because my wife and I just had a baby.

The birth went very well from my perspective, which was the perspective of a person keeping an eye on the contractions via a hospital bedside computer monitor. My wife, who was experiencing the contractions in person, found it more challenging, although I know she appreciated my helpful reports:

ME (watching the monitor): OK, you're having a contraction now.

MICHELLE: RRRRRRGGGGGGHHHHH

ME: It looks like a big one.

MICHELLE: AAAAAAAAAAR-  
RRRRRGGGGGGGGGGHHHH-  
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HOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO  
OOOO

The contractions went on for what seemed like two years, although it was really only about 14 months. In theory, the baby was supposed to be headed toward the exit at that point, but this particular baby seemed to like it in there. This baby was still up in the vicinity of Michelle's sinus cavities.

So with month 15 of labor looming, the doctors decided to remove the baby via Caesarian section, a medical procedure named for the Roman emperor Julius Section. They put up a curtain, with Michelle's head on one side and the rest of her body on the other. Michelle and I both stayed on the head side, so we saw nothing; the doctors could have been over there grafting on extra legs, or replacing Michelle's spleen with a harmonica, and we would have had no way of knowing.

Finally, the doctors shouted "Stand up, Dad!" This was my signal to stand up, look over the screen, and pass out.

No, seriously, I managed to remain conscious, because I was dying to know the baby's gender. There's a test they can do to determine the gender ahead of time; I think they insert a tiny photo of Leonardo DiCaprio into the uterus, and if the baby punches it, it's a boy. We had not had this test done. We had, however, heard many strong opinions from total strangers. For some reason, total strangers feel compelled to do two things whenever they see a pregnant woman:

1. Touch her belly, as though her navel were an ele-

vator button; and

2. Look her over, the way state-fair judges examine a cow, then loudly declare the baby's gender.

There was absolutely no doubt in anybody's mind that this baby was a boy. During the pregnancy at least 600 total strangers assured us of this fact. NOBODY thought it was a girl. So you will not be surprised to learn that when the moment came, the doctors reached in and pulled out 7 pounds, 9 ounces of Sophie Kaufman Barry.

As a trained journalist, I can state with total objectivity that she is the cutest little girl in the history of the world. The doctors took one look at her and immediately decided that they would shut down the hospital birthing unit, because this baby was so perfect that there was clearly no point in

making any more.

OK, they didn't say that, but they agreed, under intensive interrogation from the father, that the baby was pretty darned cute. She is also, of course, very gifted. I know this because the next morning, I carried Sophie over to the hospital-room window, and we looked out, and I told her that this was the world, and she should not get involved with it. I also told her that our policy regarding boys was that she would never be allowed to date or look directly at them. I could tell by her facial expression that she understood me completely. Although it might also have been gas.

So now we're in that mode — you parents know the mode I'm talking about — where you don't sleep much, and you find yourself celebrating a baby poop the way the French celebrated the liberation of Paris, and you walk around the house at 4:30 a.m. with the baby on your shoulder, trying to remember the words to lullabies. ("And if that Billy goat don't shed, papa's gonna buy you... a squirrel named Ed.")

My point is that lately I haven't had time to follow the presidential campaign, or to assess the current crop of candidates. I'm sure they're all fine men. But they're not getting near my daughter.

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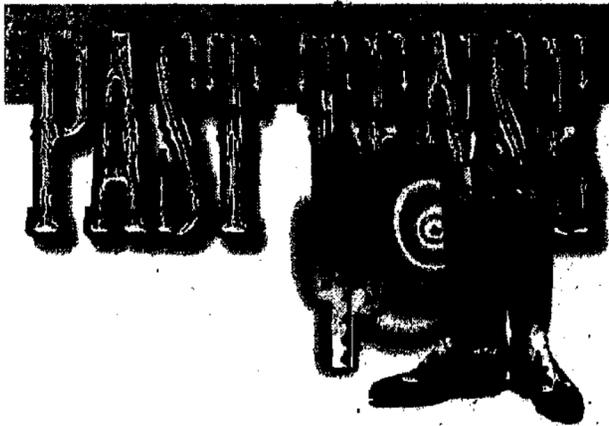
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# The Other OK Corral gunfight

Even though Burnett was hit three times in the chest at close range, he still managed to get to his feet and began staggering up Allen Street, with Greene right behind him. When Burnett finally collapsed on the side of Allen Street in front of Hafford's Saloon (the exact same place where, 16 years earlier, the Earps and Doc Holliday had massed prior to their legendary march into history), Greene quite calmly stood over him and fired one more shot, which finished the job.

Mention the OK Corral and images of the Earps and Doc Holliday marching down Fremont Street in Tombstone, A.T., come to mind. Now, most students of that bloody confrontation will be quick to tell you that the gunfight did not actually happen in the confines of the corral itself, but rather took place in an alley some 90 feet away. Which is not to say that *no* gunfight ever happened inside the OK Corral. Of course, the word "gunfight" implies that there were at least two men shooting at each other, so the word "shooting" may be more appropriate here.

#### Justice Jim

There were some similarities between the earlier, more famous shooting and the one that took place 16 years later, in 1897. Actually, the only real similarity was the fact that both shootings were the result of a long-standing feud that had finally reached flashpoint.

The second OK Corral shooting took place on July 1, 1897, and it involved a rancher by the name of William Cornell Greene and a justice of the peace by the name of James C. Burnett. Jim Burnett, occasionally known as "Bad" Jim, was not what one would expect after hearing the words "justice of the peace." Bearded, and with shoulder-length hair, *this* justice of the peace preferred a sawed-off shotgun to a gavel. His bailiwick was the small, now non-existent mill town of Charleston, not far from

Tombstone, and he ruled it in a fashion that was not unlike Noriega's approach in Panama.

Burnett's method of fining miscreants was interesting, to say the least. For example, if a drunk was attempting to "hurry" a saloon, Burnett and one of his constables would arrive on the scene and immediately declare court in session, then and there. Sometimes the troublemaker's fine would consist of delivering x-amount of steers to the Burnett ranch on the San Pedro River and on other occasions the miscreant would be ordered to deliver a load of wood to the Corbin Mill.

You guessed it. Jim Burnett held a firewood contract at the Corbin Mill. More often than not, however, the fines were cash and they went immediately into the justice of the peace's pockets. In more modern parlance, it was a "pretty good racket."

Burnett, when pressured to make an accounting of his finances, simply refused to do so. And with that shotgun customarily draped across his arms, no one was inclined to push the matter. Burnett's most infamous outrage was probably the time that he ordered a coroner's jury to rule that "it served the Mexican right for getting in front of the gun." (Isn't it interesting how the Hispanic people, who were for the most part industrious, law-abiding and friendly, to say nothing of being the first non-Native Americans to settle the area, were almost always treated as being second-class citizens by the Johnny-come-lately Anglos?)

In the late 1880s, when Charleston began to slowly but inexorably fade into a ghost town, Burnett relocated to the town of Pearce (now also a ghost town), where he maintained his status as justice of the peace. He *did* keep his ranch on the San Pedro, though, and that was where he and William Greene fell afoul of each other. As is frequently the case in the southwest, both then and now, the dispute was over water.

#### The dam and the girls

Greene, whose ranch was a short distance up the San Pedro from the Burnett place, built a dam that significantly slowed the flow of water that Burnett needed to irrigate his own land, which, as you can imagine, did not sit well with the so-called justice of the peace.

It was on the sweltering afternoon of June 25, 1897, that Greene's two young daughters, Eva, who was 7, and her big sister Ella, who was 9, decided to go swimming with their friend Katie Corcoran. As the three girls headed down to their favorite swimming hole, they were unaware that the night before, someone had dynamited the dam that their father had built.

It was little Katie Corcoran who was unlucky enough to be first at the water's edge. The swimming hole, which had been quite shallow, was now quite deep, but the children, in their haste, did not notice. Poor little Katie couldn't even swim, and when she began foundering about, Ella, who was aware that her friend couldn't swim, leapt in after her. As Eva began to follow, Ella turned to her and screamed at her to "go back!" She did, and in doing so, became the only survivor of the tragedy. Both Katie Corcoran and Ella Greene drowned.

William Cornell Greene, like any loving father, was beside himself with grief. And beneath that grief was a deep, abiding thirst for vengeance that, in the end, could only be assuaged by the blood of Jim Burnett. And even though Greene was aware of just who it was that had blown out his dam, he placed an ad in the *Tombstone Prospector* offering a \$1,000 reward for proof of who it was that actually did the deed.

One of Burnett's Chinese farmhands came to Greene and told him that, according to Greene, "if they needed any water to (go ahead and) blow my dam out, and if I did anything, he (Burnett) would kill me." And that seems to have been all the proof that Greene needed, if he ever needed any in the first place.

**The shooting**

The confrontation came about quite by accident. Ironically, Burnett had stopped in town when he was on the way to investigate the "mysterious" destruction of his own dam, which had also been dynamited. It didn't exactly take a rocket scientist to figure out who had done this, but Burnett had no proof. (Later, Greene was charged with the destruction of the dam, but the charge was ultimately dropped.) Greene, coincidentally, had come to Tombstone to have the grip on his revolver repaired. Leaving both his pistol and his buggy with "Honest" John Montgomery, proprietor of the OK Corral, Greene left to attend to other business.

When he returned a few hours later, about one o'clock in the afternoon, Greene noticed that Montgomery seemed to be behaving rather strangely, seemingly attempting to stall Greene just outside his office. The reason for this was Jim Burnett sat just inside the door, and Montgomery, just like everyone else in the area, was aware of the recent events that had sparked the feud between the two men.

Montgomery rather nervously attempted to make conversation

with Greene for about 10 minutes. About that time, Burnett decided to leave by the side door and probably would have gone about his business without ever encountering Greene if he had not bumped into some friends in the alley and stayed to chat with them for a few minutes. As it turned out, it was a decision that would cost him his life.

At about the same that Burnett exited through the side door, Greene, who had gotten tired of talking about nothing with John Montgomery, excused himself as politely as he could and went inside to get his pistol to take to the gunsmith's. When he did, he saw Burnett in the alley. Stepping outside, Greene unhesitatingly walked up to his foe, who was seated in a chair, and without further ado, opened fire.

Even though Burnett was hit three times in the chest at close range, he still managed to get to his feet and began staggering up Allen Street, with Greene right behind him. When Burnett finally collapsed on the side of Allen Street in front of Hafford's Saloon (the exact same place where, 16 years earlier, the Earps and Doc Holliday had massed prior to their legendary march into history), Greene quite calmly stood over him and fired one more shot, which finished the job.

City Marshal Charlie Wiser, who was familiar with both men and knew that, if not for this feud, William Greene was known as an upstanding citizen, put his hand on Greene's shoulder and pointed out the obvious. "You've done old Jim up," he said. Greene's reply was to the point. "I had to do it," he responded. Then, Greene raised his right hand to the heavens and melodramatically declared that "Vengeance is mine!"

**Aftermath**

Well, he did it all right. When a passerby rolled the body of Jim Burnett over, according to the *Tombstone Prospector*, "the last heaving of the lungs caused gouts of blood to spout from a ghastly wound to the breast."

Virtually everyone seemed to think that Greene had done the community a service. Famed inebriated prosecutor Allen English even took the extraordinary step of withdrawing as prosecutor and switching over to defend the accused. A writer for a newspaper called the *Border Vidette* said it for everybody when he wrote that "There is not much doubt that Greene will be cleared, as what he did was what any man under the circumstances would have done, and the man he killed was a

mighty good one to be dead."

The kiss of death for the prosecution was when one of Greene's friends testified that he had heard Burnett threaten Greene's life. On the frontier, there was an abiding idea that if a man threatened your life, you were quite justified in shooting him on sight.

Acquitted, Greene went to Cananea, Mexico, where he pur-

chased a copper mine three years later. With electricity becoming more and more common, and the demand for copper rising with it, Greene became a rich man.

Greene, who was not even able to raise money for his own defense during Tombstone ordeal, was eventually worth somewhere in the vicinity of \$50 million. And while it is doubtful that he ever

regretted killing Burnett, Greene never again carried a pistol.

"If you carry a gun, you might use it." — William Cornell Greene

Sources: "Colonel Greene and the Copper Skyrocket," by C.L. Sonnichsen and the "Files of the Tombstone Epitaph," courtesy of the "Tombstone Epitaph."

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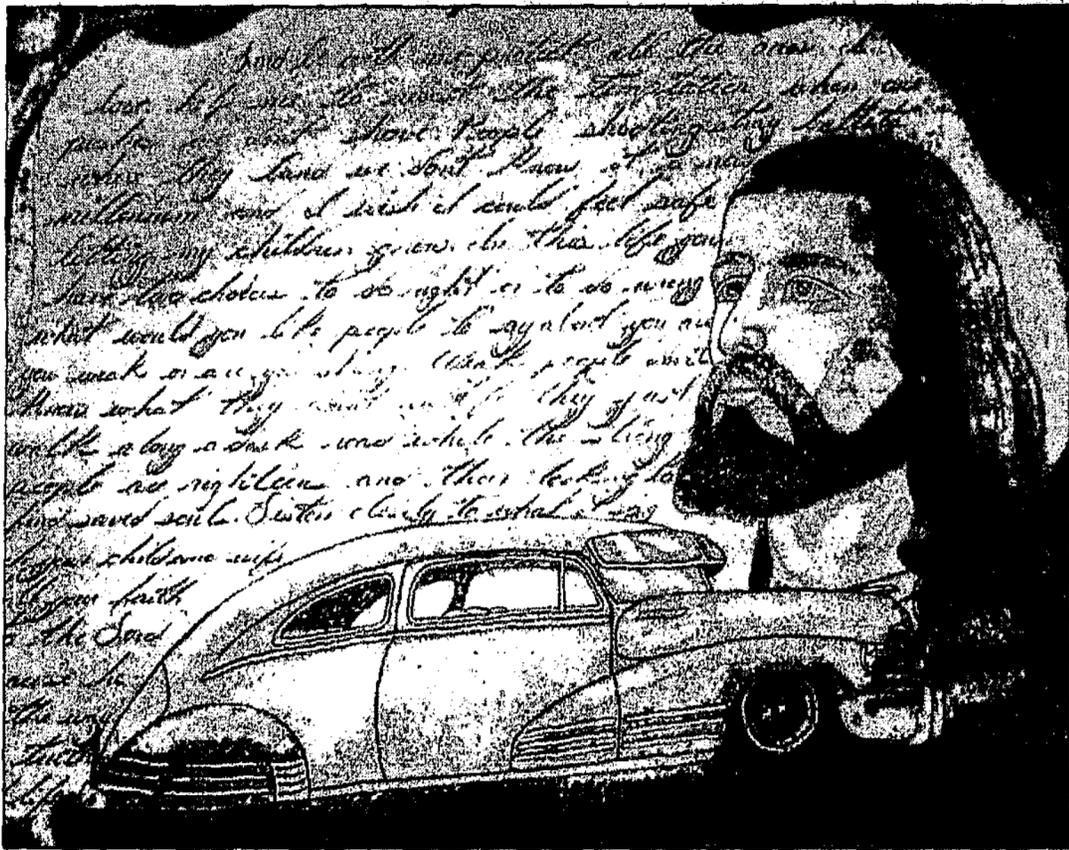
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# THE ARTS

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Dianne Stallings

A PENCIL SKETCH called "Hope" was entered by Anthony Garcia of Camp Sierra Blanca.



Dianne Stallings

JESSE WRIGHT of Capitan submitted a floral pastel.

ting of their art, and each student is limited to one piece per show.

Reeder said when she comes across a "serious" art student, she recommends they experiment with different mediums and that they take college courses through Eastern New Mexico University. She also alerts them to shows in their favorite mediums and poster competitions, Reeder said.

"Quite a few have gone on to art school and are making a living from art," Reeder said. Often she hears from parents when someone is successful. Occasionally, a

former student stops in to tell her personally.

"I try to stretch them out into other mediums," she said of her students. "Since I have some for four years, I make them try a little of everything."

Amezcuca, who is jumping a year of school and will be a senior in the fall of 2000, was born in Ruidoso, moved to Arlington, Texas for a while and now is back.

At 15, she enjoys doing pen and ink drawings of horses, oil and pastel portraits of friends and viewing classical art. But she's

savvy enough to know artists have to sell their work. She plans to minor in marketing in college.

Enriquez enjoys art and has taken courses all four of her high school years, but she's not sure it will be part of her future career.

Rosemary Harrington from Ruidoso took fourth place for her pen and ink drawing of eagles.

Museum Director Bruce Eldredge said Monday it's important for students to exhibit their work in a museum.

"It shows that art is worth making, reinforces their interest

in art and shows them that adults care about their work," he said.

He estimated that from 2,000 to 3,000 people will see the exhibit before it closes Sunday, April 9.

A new school art show open to all area elementary and middle school students will be exhibited April 14-24, with a grand opening from noon to 3 p.m., April 16. The show will not be judged.

Receiving honorable mentions for their work in the high school exhibit were:

- Lupe Sandoval from Ruidoso
- Miguel Magana from Ruidoso
- Josh Smith from CSB
- Vanessa Cox from Capitan
- Erick Kimbrell from Ruidoso
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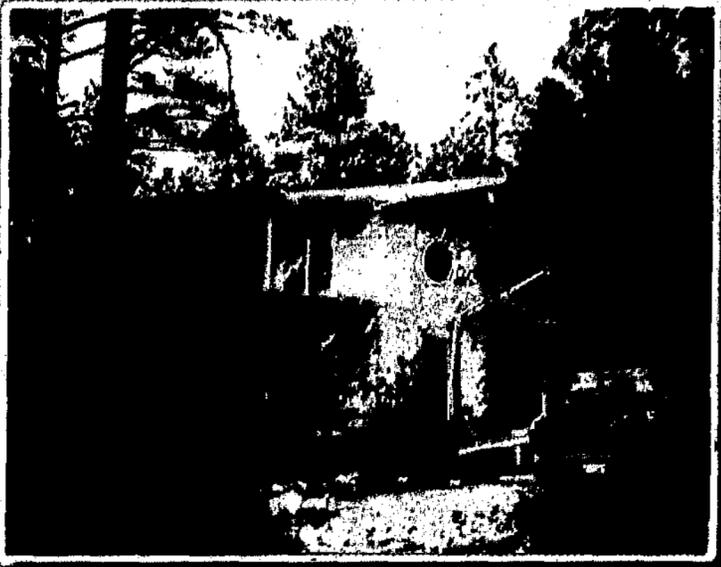
On 2 lots, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. This home offers that Ruidoso chalet feeling with the master bedroom overlooking the living room area. Downstairs has large bedrooms that open onto a big deck with nice views. A fireplace in the master bedroom makes for that perfect atmosphere to relax and unwind! A must see home!!



### Alto

White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

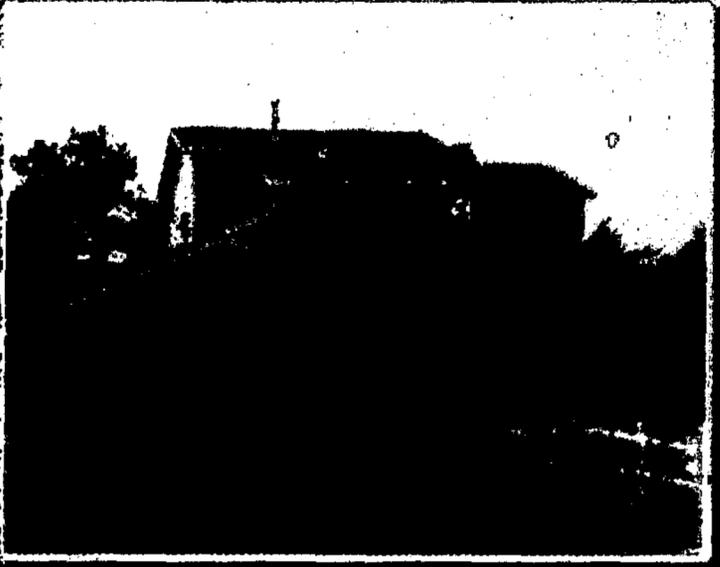
Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



### Alto - New Construction

Thompson • \$269,000 • 114 Del Monte Drive

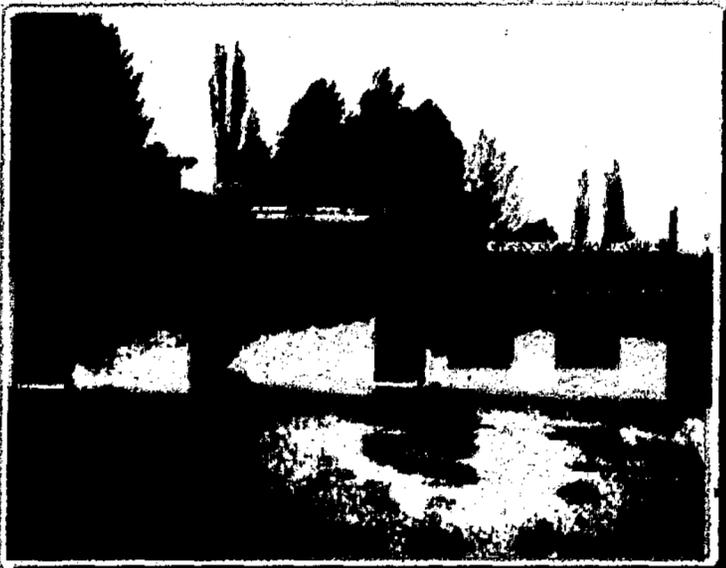
Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. The floor plan is so impressive the entry is greeted by a staircase that leads halfway up to a den with wet bar then continues to the upstairs living room and kitchen. Upstairs is a lot of glass windows with great views. Full golf membership. Real different.



### White Mountain Meadows

Radziewicz • \$248,500 • 110 Coker Lane

Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!



### Commercial Downtown

Cape • \$299,900 • 2001 Sudderth Drive

Commercial building on level lot WITH PARKING in Midtown Ruidoso. Nice size show room with fireplace - 2 bathrooms - private office with separate entrance - alarm system! All one level - high visibility!



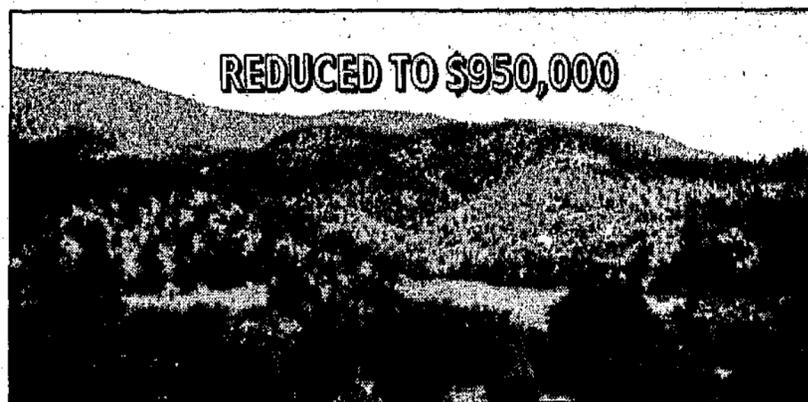
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**Alto**

**Brown • \$325,000 • 215 Broadmoor Drive**

#14 T-box and fairway!! Cozy immaculate home! Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Lovely hardwood floors... beautiful sunroom with a grand view up #14... a must see! Price includes golf cart. Full golf membership. Furniture addendum.



**REDUCED TO \$950,000**

**Valley**

**Lewicki • \$1,200,000 • 11+ acres on River**

Beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. home. 14 x 80 mobile with 2-car carport. 1400 sq. ft. barn. This is a unique piece of property with water rights!



**Alto**

**Lee • \$269,500 • 234 Broadmoor Drive**

Under construction - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage complete with social membership. Owner will upgrade to full golf membership with acceptable offer. All 1 level with special attention to year round living. Great floorplan - call now and pick your colors and lend your personality to the finishing touches!



**Alto**

**Krueger • \$135,000 • 206 Sierra Blanca Drive**

Full membership, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths - completely redone in very good taste. This home is darling inside. Please inquire - you won't be disappointed.



**Alto**

**Hanson • \$315,000 • 103 Mountain Place**

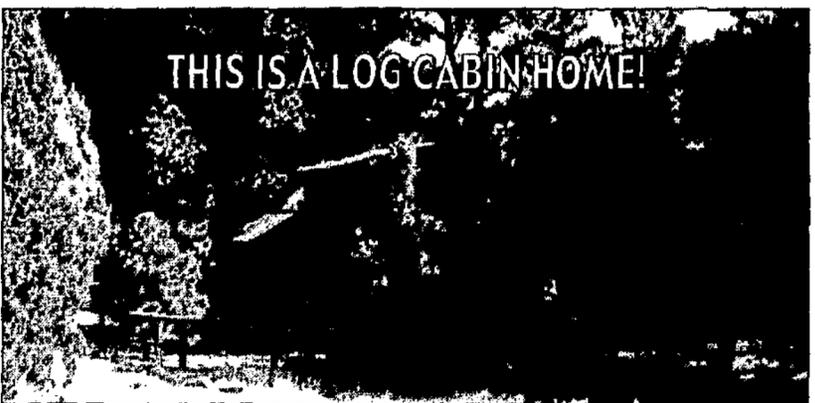
Four bedroom, 3 bath with gated patio and 2-car garage. Most all the furniture stays - full golf membership.



**Awesome Commercial Acreage  
with Sierra Blanca Views**

**Robinson • \$1,250,000**

9.3 ± acres. Seller is motivated on this large multi-use potential piece of property in the heart of Ruidoso with Sierra Blanca views, large trees and easy access. Owner will carry paper and/or joint venture. Submit all offers.

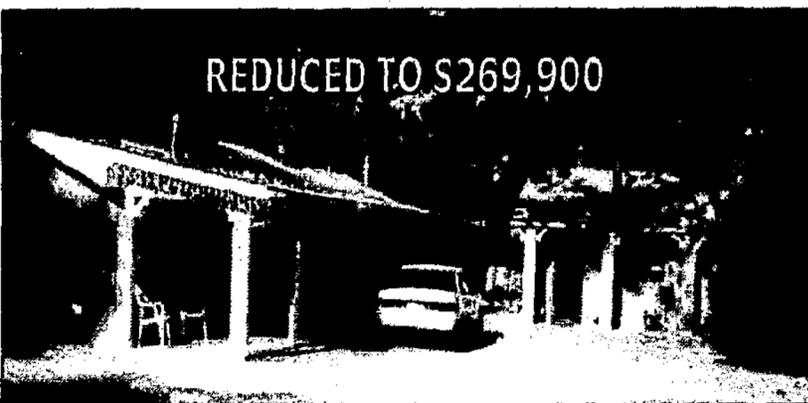


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**Pine Creek Estates**

**Franklin • \$269,500 • Tract One**

Home on 5 acres built in 1994. Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Hardwood floors, screened in porch, covered deck, horses allowed. This is a very private setting with creek frontage. Interior has lots of wood. Very mountain feeling.

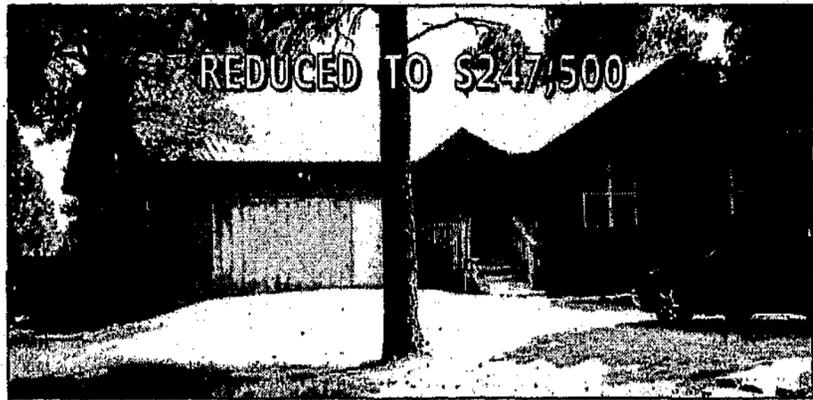


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**Great Commercial Possibilities on the River**

**Laine • \$275,000**

Home on the river plus four 1 bedroom, 1 bath monthly rental units. 618 Sudderth Drive. Call for an appointment to view - it never hurts to look!



**Alto**

**Williamson • \$259,500 • 721 High Mesa**

Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Very contemporary interior with hardwood floors, a full den, an upstairs loft bedroom/office combo. Full golf membership and large master suite with Jacuzzi tub.



**20 Acres**

**New Mexico State University • \$225,000 • 411 College Drive**

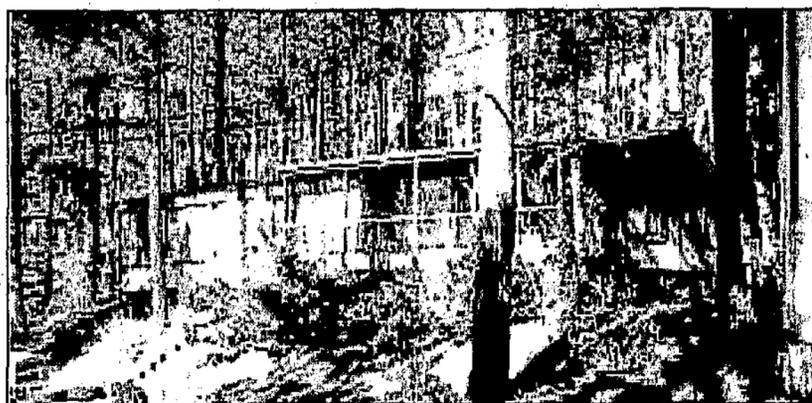
Unique piece of property within village limits. Great views - great opportunity. 90x24 foot building used as research facility.



**O.P. Addition Capitan**

**Ford • \$65,000 • 302 Lincoln Avenue**

Two bedroom, 2 bath 1976 modular on 3 lots, R.V. pad and hookup, 16x14 heated work room off garage.



**Gavilan Acres**

**Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road**

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



**Spring Park**

**Green • \$52,500 • 242 Mountain View Drive**

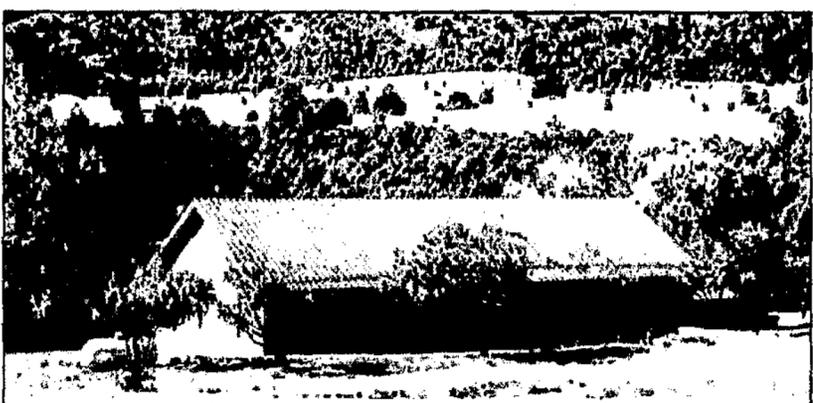
Two bedrooms, 1 bath, completely remodeled. Nice front deck for enjoying the views. All new inside. Ready for new owner - make an offer! Motivated seller. Let us show you how to own this cabin cheaper than renting.



**Alto**

**Davis Ent. • \$325,000 • 110 Pinon Drive**

New 3 bedroom, 2 bath beautifully constructed Alto home. Exquisite tile work throughout. Sierra Blanca view, refrigerated air and 2-car garage.



**Behind Loma Grande Acres**

**Smith • \$350,000 • Bonita Drive Road**

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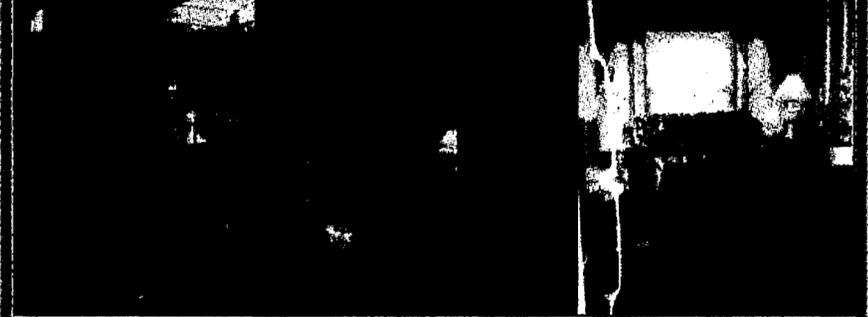
**Hamilton Terrace**

**Fletcher • \$249,000 • 454 Mechem Drive**

Great location for all kinds of business or can be used as a super large home. 1.1205 acres - separate guest efficiency.

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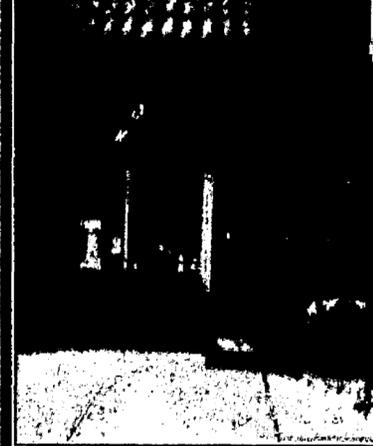


## Alto Townhome

Scott • \$315,000 • 601 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom with possible 4th on lower level. Very spacious with high ceilings and magnificent panoramic views from decks. Furnished by an Albuquerque designer. Full golf membership

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## Alto

Powers • \$547,500 • 110 Doe Drive

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## Country Club Heights

Word • \$549,000 • 413 Hull Road - 3.6 acres

The large living room has an expansive glass view of Sierra Blanca. The kitchen is very cool, very up to date with all the touches of the decorator magazines! More than a house, a real home. Horse facilities, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, large master suite has office or sitting room off of it. Living room is very large with nice bar area for entertaining. Private entry has waterfall and gold fish. Other bedrooms share a nice private den/game room type setting. Sunroom for plants off living room. A must see property.



## County Club Estates

\$159,900 • 207 Nogal Place

Two living areas, 1 upstairs w/2 bedrooms, 1 bath, den with wet bar downstairs w/2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Neat floorplan offers privacy for 2 families. Big back yard, large storage room, level access on first level and cathedral ceilings in livingroom upstairs with kitchen and dining area! Close to schools and very easy access all year round! Over 2800 square feet!



## Armstrong Subdivision

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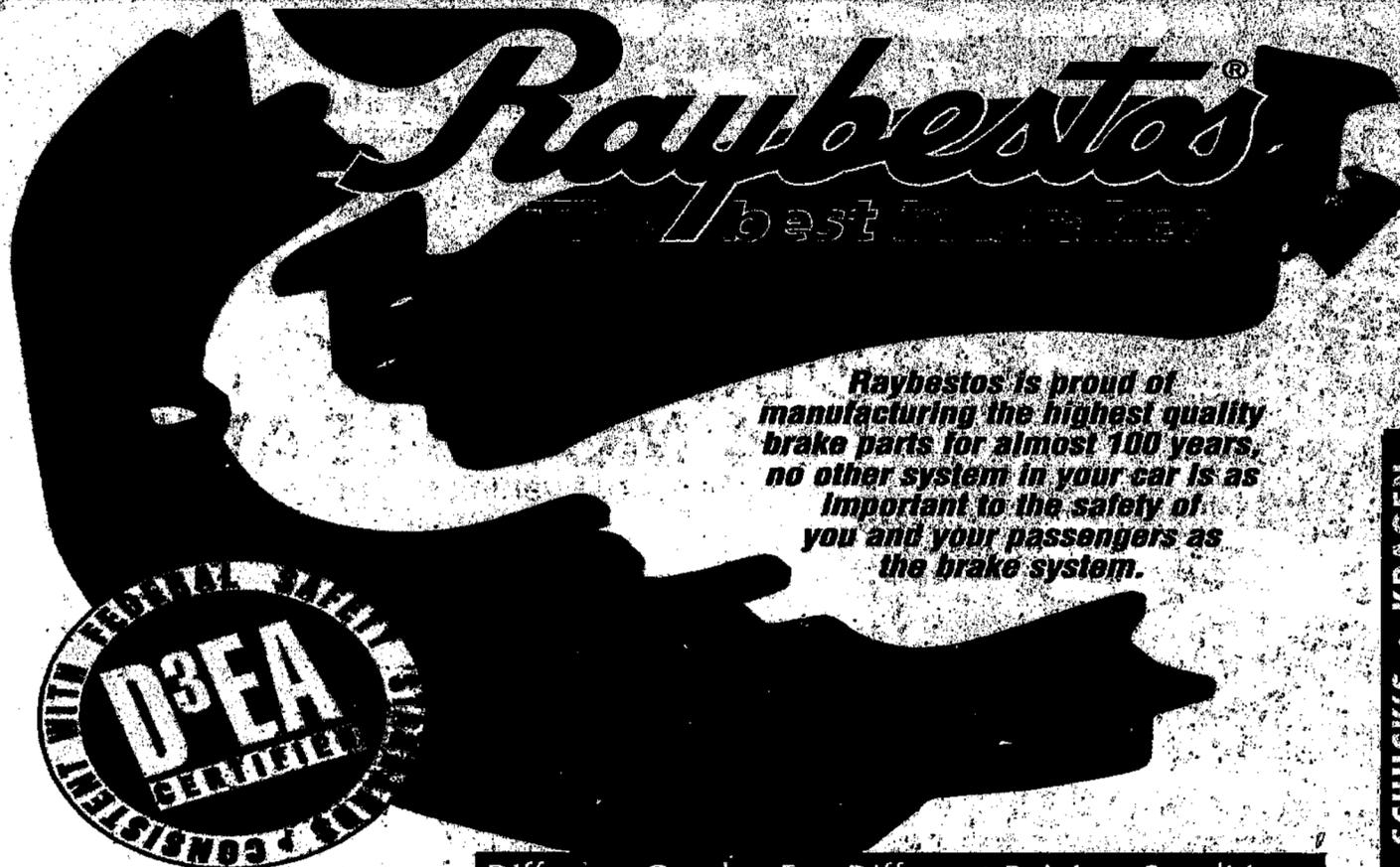
## High Sites Subdivision

Hale • \$125,000 • 103 Monica's Court

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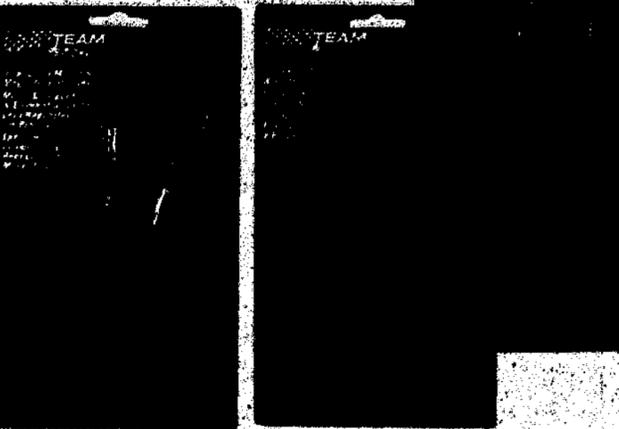
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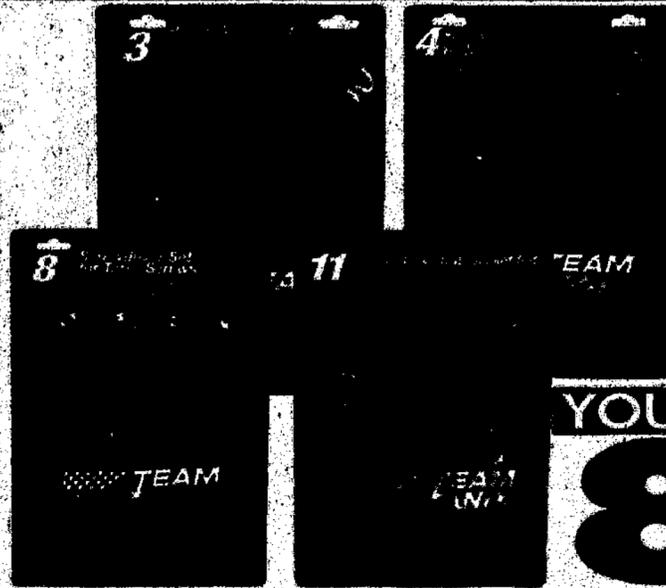
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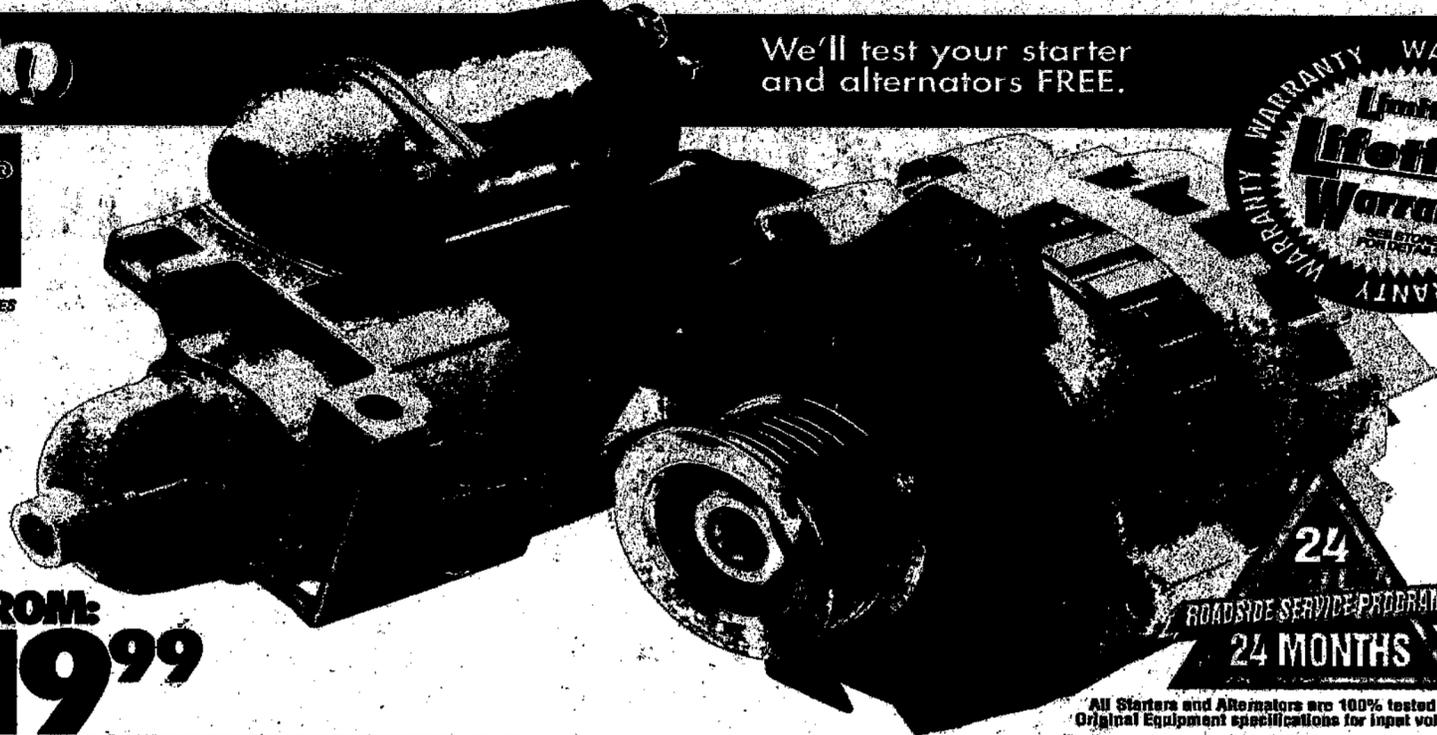
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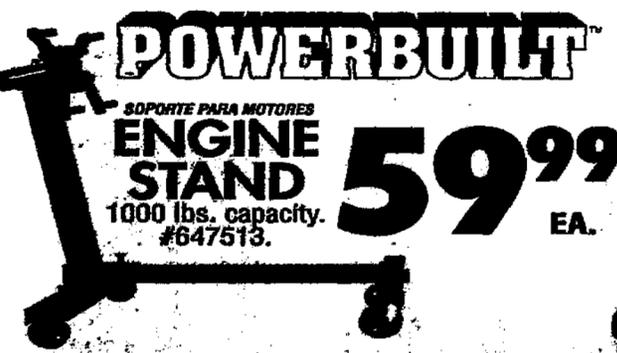
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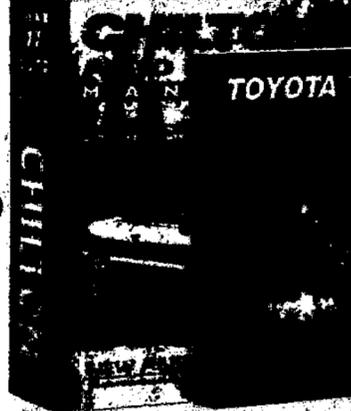
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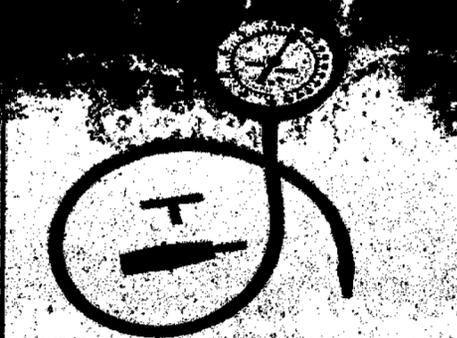
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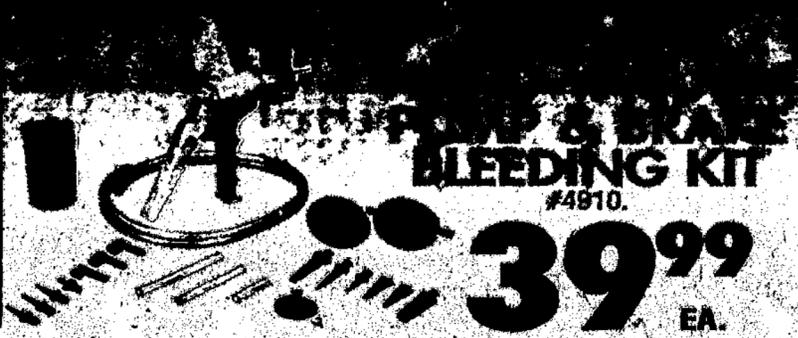
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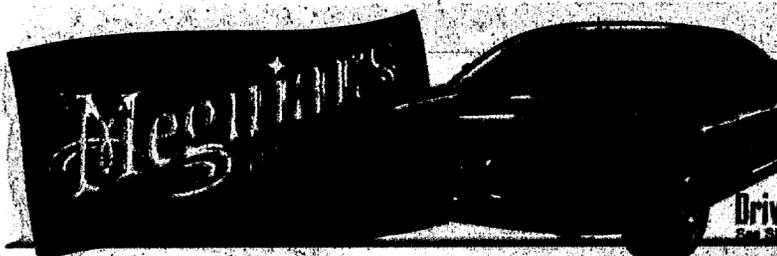


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